Japanese Swarm In Over the Ruins.

MEET FIERCE RESISTANCE

Battle Is Carried on With Hand Grenades.

SEVEN GUNS ARE CAPTURED

Russians Leave About Fifty Dead on the Field, and the Assailants' Casualties Are Very Light, Despite Machine-Gun Fire.

TOKIO, Dec. 19.-The Japanese fired an immense mine under the north of Fort Kekwan Mountain at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon. The Japanese immediately charged and occupied the fort with a heavy force

The following report of the capture was telegraphed from General Negi's head-

"At 2:15 o'clock on the afternoon of December 18, part of our army blew up the parapets of the North Fort of East Kekwan Mountain, and then charged, "A flerce battle with hand grenades ensued.

"Owing to the stubborn resistance of the enemy with his machine guns, our operations were temporarily suspended.

"Subsequently at 7 o'clock in the eve-General Samejima, commanding the supports, advanced into the casemates and, encouraging his men, threw his supports into the fighting line in a last brave

"At 11:50 o'clock at night we completely occupied the fort and immediately engaged in the construction of defensive Our occupation became firmly. works. assured today.

"Before retlring the enemy exploded four mines in the neighborhood of the

"We captured five nine-centimeter field and two machine guns as well as plenty of ammunition.

"The enemy left 40 or 50 dead. Ou casualties have not been investigated, but they are not beavy."

It is reported that the Japanese have gained a strong position about 1000 yards southeast of 263-Meter Hill, preparatory to assaulting the new town and pushing between Liao Ti Mountain and the Russian beadquarters at Port Arthur

The fighting against Sungahu Mountain

SEVEN MINES WERE LAID.

Capture of Mountain Fort a Brilliant Spectacle.

HEADQUARTERS OF THE THIRD JAPANESE ARMY, via Fusan, Dec. 19 .-The capture of the North Kekwan Mountain fort was a brilliant spectacle. For weeks the Japanese had been tunnelling two shafts 40 feet in length with four branches. They laid seven mines which were exploded on the 18th.

The two attacking parties were com posed of volunteers and those participating in the first attempt vowed to capture the fort or die. The soldiers of the first force were distinguished by a red badge. They remained in the most during the explosion of the mines, having charged prematurely, and many were killed by the debris. The second body of assaulters, distinguished by white badges, was in the saps during the explosion and was prevented from charging immediately the mouths of the saps having been filled

The explosion resulted in two huge rents on the north walls, through which the assaulters charged the enemy, winning the trenches in front of the wall and killing the remainder of the garrison in the rear of the fort.

BOTTLED FLEET UNFIT FOR USE

Most of the Vessels Seem to Be Aground and Badly Damaged. TOKIO, Dec. 12.-Telegraphing under date of December 18, Vice-Admiral Togo

There is no reason to doubt that the enemy's ships in the harbor of Port Ar-thur are totally unfit for service. I have reason to believe that the battleship Sevastopol has been disabled by our torpede attacks, but no definite data on which to pass final judgment have yet been obtained and investigations are being conducted in all available quarters.

"It is certain that at least six Russian

'A staff officer of the naval brigade A stail officer of the naval brigade landed at Port Arthur reports as follows: "The battleship Peresvit is lying 200 meters northwest of the Tiger's Tall Peninsula, with her bow turned northeast, half north, and at high tide the water reaches to the torpedo tubes in her She is submerged to her stern walk and less aground without listing.
Her central funnel is severely damaged.
"The battleship Politava lies 200
meters borth of the point of Tiger's Tail.
Her bow points east-southeast, half east. and at high tide she is submerged to her afterdeck. She is doubtiessly aground and does not list.

Retvizan Has a Bad List. "The battelship Retvizan lies 500 meters east of the Poltava with her stern toward that vessel. Her condition is worse than that of the Poltava. She is

listing five degrees to starboard and her afterdeck is constantly submerged. "The battleship Pobleda lies 220 meters northeast, half cast, of the point of the Tiger's Tall, with her bow point-ing northeast, half north, and her after deck on the starboard side must be submerged at high tide. Everything seems to show that she is aground.

"The protected cruiser Pallada lies 110 meters east by north of the Pobleda. Her stern is towards southwest, and she is listed five degrees to port. At high tide the condition of her decks is about the same as that of the decks of the Peres-

viet. She is doubtless aground.

"'The armored cruiser Bayan lies 400 meters southwest, half west of the harbor entrance, with her bow towards east-northeast, half east. She has listed 15 degrees and appears to be aground.

"The above-mentioned four battleships and two cruisers have been ahandoned

Attack of the Fifteent's. Admiral Togo in reporting the renewal

of the torpedo attack on the night of De-cember 15, says:

"Our torpedo flotillas again attempted an attack on the night of December 15 against the battleship Sevastopol, the Otvashni, and the torpedo-boat destroy-ers lying at the foot of Cheng Tao Moun-

"Commander Seki's flotilla, braving the temporary snow, reached the enemy's anchorage at 5.30 o'clock in the morning and running between the Sevastopol and a destroyer, succeeded in discharging torpeddes close against the Sevastopol and the Otvashni. Explosions were observed each time. The flotfilas exchanged gun fire with the enemy's destroyer at a range of 100 meters and succeeded in hitting her. A torpedo discharged from Com-mander Seki's boat apparently hit the enemy's destroyer.

"During this bold attack the enemy's fusiliade was exceedingly vigorous, but owing to the close proximity, our boats suffered no damage and there were no casualties among the crews.

Casualties of Attackers.

"Commander Jinguijs' fletilia, following that of Commander Seki, discharged several torpedoes and at least three explosions were clearly observed. After an ex-change of fire with the enemy's destroycis, the flotilla gradually steered seaward. Engineer Watanabe, of Commander Jinguji's boat, was wounded, and two men were killed. One man was wounded on Lieutenant Tampoka's boat.
"The boats of the flotilla under com-

mand of Yezoe were undergoing repairs when the flotilla received orders to join in the attack. Commander Yezoe then boarded a single craft, assuming the com-mand of her, and hurrying to the base found that the other flotillus had de parted. Immediately he started alone and independently attacked the Sevasto-He appeared close to that vessel and was killed. His boat was safely returned to the base.

"The result of many torpedo attacks and many effective explosions against the enemy's ships was observed, but it is regrettable that I am unable to report more

"On the morning of December 18, the watch tower reported that a destroyer of the enemy, with a mast broken, was visible aground near the coast."

WAR TAUGHT TO CHINESE.

Many Hundred Youths Are Taking Instruction in Japan.

BOSTON, Dec. 19.—The American Board of Foreign Missions made public today a report from its oldest missionary in Japan, Dr. D. C. Greene, of Tokio, in which Dr. Greene states that there are now 1000 Chinese students. netuding 500 military cadets in Tokio under the auspices of the Chinese gov-ernment, and 1990 more in the city in-dependent of the government.

Dr. Greene further stated that if one should add to this fact that in several provinces of China (here are military chools with Japanese Instructors, "i not difficult to see that when pe s restored Japan is not to stand alone in her purpose to prevent a new inva-sion of Manchuria on the part of

There is no evidence, according to Dr. Greene, that Japan is becoming exhausted. The rice harvest of this year is estimated to be worth 120,000,-000 yen more than the average, and is the best for 20 years. Prices range high, but otherwise there is no sign of se

ATTACKS ON THE OUTPOSTS.

Three Attempts of the Russians Result in Failure. TOKIO, Dec. 19.-Manchurian head-paarters, in a report dated December 18,

'On the night of December 17, between 8:30 and 11 o'clock, the enemy made three attacks against our outposts in the neighborhood of Santackuntzua, and also advanced at 1 o'clock in the morning to the vicinity of Sin Lung Tun and Tung-haisengkou. The enemy was entirely re-

"The enemy, with heavy guns, in the neighborhood of Sufangiai, commencing at 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon of December 18, fired 80 rounds from can against the neighborhood of the Shakhe Rallway bridge, but the cannonade did

COAL AT FRENCH PORT.

Squadron of Baltic Fleet Off African Coast. SPECIAL CABLE TO THE LONDON TIMES

AND PORTLAND OREGONIAN. BRUSSELS, Dec. 20.—Passengers of the steamer Leopold Ville, which ar-rived at Antwerp yesterday, report that one squadron of the Baltle fleet stopped to coal at Libreville, in the French Congo, where Admiral Rojestvensky exchanged visits with the French officials, to whom He expressed the hope that he would arrive in the Far East about the middle of March.

MINE FIRED UNDER FORT.

the Explosion.

Successful Japanese Charge Follows TOKIO, Dec. 19 .- (Evening.)-The Jap anese fired an immense mine under the north of Fort Kekwan Mountain at 2 o'clock (Saturday afternoon). The Japanese immediately charged and occupied the fort with a heavy force. It is reported that the Japanese have

cained a strong position about 1600 yards southeast of 203-Meter Hill, preparatory to assaulting the new town and pushing between Line Ti Mountain and the Rus-elan headquarters at Port Arthur. The fighting against Sungshu Mountain

Village of Dapindu Taken.

MUKDEN. Dec. 19.-The village of Dapindu has been occupied, after a sharp fight, by a detachment of Rusterpede-boat destroyers remain intact in sian infantry, Cossacks and borderers inder Belinske. Otherwise all has been quiet along the front.

Four Japanese, suffering from frost bite of the hands and feet, have volun-tarily surrendered to the Russians. The Japanese, like the Russian troops, are living in dugouts, six men in a house. They have apparently a large supply of clothing, principally Chinese padded coats.

Infernal Machine Laid by Volunteers.

(SPECIAL CABLE.) ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 19.—General Kuropatkin reports that a fougade laid by volunteers near a Japanese outpost exploded inflicting several casualties upon the Japanese. Artillery fire, he reports, is exchanged dally but there have been no engagements of importance.

Ready for Baltic Fleet.

(SPECIAL CABLE) SHANGHAL, Dec. 19.-Reliable reports from the south state that the Jupanese are forwarding men, guns, torpedo-boats and submarines to Formosa and the Pescadores, in order to attack the Baltic fleet at

Sighted Off Cape Town.

CAPE TOWN, Dec. 19 .- Sixteen vessels, presumably of the Russian Baltic squad-ron, have been sighted 25 miles out steering south. It is supposed they will call at Deingoa Bay, where colliers have already arrived.

Snow Storms Sweep Sakhalien. KORSAKOVSK, Island of Sakhalien, Dec. 19.-Ice is forming along the main-iand and terrible snow storms have swept over the island. The price of food is in

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Probable Verdict in North Sea Investigation.

BLUNDER NOT INEXCUSABLE

British Naval Officer Says That Such Things Have Happened on Numererous Occasions Even in the Best of Fleets.

SPECIAL CABLE TO THE LONDON TIMES.

AND PORTLAND OREGONIAN. LONDON, Dec. 20 .- The prevailing expectation in the British pavy respecting the inquiry into the Dogger Bank outrage seems to be that the court will find: First, that no warship of any other ountry than Russia was present at the time; second, that the Russians fired on their own ships, mistaking them for Japanese vessels; third, that either the vessels of the Gamecock fishing fleet caught the shot and shell meant for the warships mistaken for hostile craft, or were fired on under suspicion that they were cooperating with those warships, and, ourth, that the entire affair was a blun-

A British naval officer or high rank, in undertaking to justify the expectation that the court will treat the affair as a

der not absolutely inexcusable, and that,

therefore, nobody is deserving of serious

blunder, said: own officers and those of other European | patched to the Far East. navies that a fleet of warships at sea in time of war should not allow any war approach it. It is also generally held that a merchant vessel should be kept off, unless known to be well disposed, for otherwise there is nothing to prevent a belligerent chartering a merchant vessel

the enemy's fleet. "No doubt the Russian Commander thought two of his small cruisers which suddenly appeared were Japanese torpedo_ boats, and if he did, the only proper ourse was to fire on them. There is really nothing remarkable in cruisers being taken for torpedoboass, for there is no navy in the world in which the same blunder has not been made. I counted up 16 authenticated cases the other day, in volving the best navies of the world, British and American not excepted."

SULTAN DISMISSES FOREIGNERS Proposes to Carry on His Own Mili-

tary Instruction. PARIS, Dec. 19.-The Foreign Office has received confirmation of the London Times' report that the Sultan of Morocco has dismissed all his foreign military instructors, including the French. This causes much surprise in official quarters. During the Perdicaris affair and other disorders, France sought to end the condition of anarchy by the organization of an effective civil and military force under French officers the Anglo-French treaty recognizing French preponderance in Mo-rocco contributing to the French military

Some Italian and British officers were also employed by the Sultan. He has now dismissed them all on the ground that he desires to carry out his own military pro

Fishermen Get Russian Money. SPECIAL CABLE.

SPECIAL CABLE.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—In a dispatch from Hull the London Daily Mail makes the bold charge that emissaries of the Russian government have been tampering with members of the crews of the fill-fated Gamecock fleet, which was fired on by the vessels of the Russian Baltic fleet. It is the purpose of these agents, the Mail alleges, to induce the fishermen to sign statements to the effect that the Gamecock fleet assisted the Jananese in concock fleet assisted the Jananese in concock fleet assisted the Japanese in con-cealing the presence of torpedo-boats on the Dogger Bank and to that end the fishermen are made drunk and money spent on them with a free hand. The owners of the fleet have long sue pected such activity on the part of the Russians and recently have set a trap for some of the agents. The evidence adduced

Germany Not Yet Invited.

in this manner, the Mail states, will be submitted to the inquiry commission, which has its first sitting at Paris today.

LONDON, Dec. 19.—The German Embassy informs the Associated Press that there is no truth whatever in the renewed reports of an Angio-German movement looking to mediation in the Russo-Japanese War. The visit of Count Metteranese war. The visit of count actier-nich, the German Ambassador, to Berlin, was purely private. Germany remains determined to do nothing until invited by the belligerents, and up to the present time, adds the Embassy, Germany has not been invited.

Russian Delegates at Paris.

PARIS, Dec. 19 .- The Russian delegates to the international commission which is to inquire into the North Sea incident reached here this afternoon. being the first foreign delegation to

Sessions Resumed in London.

sessions in London today. The individual claims for compensation of the men em-ployed on the Hull trawlers were presented, and also as the claims of the owners of the fishing boats and the solicitors' costs.

Russia is Studying Ships.

ROME, Dec. 18.—A Russian commission, the chief of which is Major-General Brink, of the Royal Naval Artillery, is visiting Italian shipyards studying the best types of ships to be found here and the speediest methods of construction. The members of the commission assert that Russia intends rebuilding her entire navy, beginning with 30 battleships and cruisers and 200 torpedobouts, the total cost being estimated at \$200,00,000.

Hungarian House Adjourns. BUDAPEST, Dec. 19.—By a general document issued today, the Lower House of the Hungarian Parliament was ad-

DISORDERS AT MOSCOW.

Emperor's Fete Day Marked With Continuance of Trouble.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 19.-The Emperor's fete day passed without any un-toward demonstrations in St. Petersburg, but was marked by a continuation of the Moscow disorders, though they were not so

The feature of the Moscow demonstration was the distribution of a violent proc-lamation of the Social-Democratic-Labor party, describing the whole country as being in a state of mourning and tears for the sacrifice of life in the Far East for the aggrandizement of the Romanoffs, picturing the government as driving the people to starvation and calling upon work-ingmen to enter ceaselessly upon a war for overthrowing the tyrants. Other demistrations are reported from various lo

In consequence of the character of the current agitation the advisers of Emperor Nicholas have dissuaded him from his contemplated trip to the south of Russia to bid farewell to the troops being dis-

Conservatives are afraid that the illadvised course of the extremists will drive the government to adopt repressive measvessel it cannot identify as neutral to ures just when a distinct victory over the reactionaries had been won and a Liberal regime has been inaugurated. The renewed activity in revolutionary circles ulready has caused many arrests.

May Not Talk to Prisoners.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 19.-The War has informed the American Embassy that no one will be allowed to com municate in municate in person with the Japanese prisoners at the village of Medvid, Province of Novgorod, without imperial au-thorization. The Japanese Minister at Berlin has therefore been notified of all the facts, and the American Embassy has decided to be governed by his advices in the matter. If he requests imperial per-mission it will be granted.

(The American Embassy at St. Petersburg received a letter signed by 68 Japan-ese officers who are prisoners at Medvid, asking the Embassy to send a representa-tive there. No reason for the request was

Plague Traced to Sheepskins.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 19.-The governor of Viatka reports a serious outbreak of Siberian plague in factories in the districts of Vlatka and Slobodskol, which are preparing fur coats for the troops in Manchuria. Two hundred and forty-seven cases have already been reported. The plague has been traced to sheepskins, and the delivery of fur garments to the troops have been suspended.

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