

PORT BLOWN UP

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 Assaults' Casualties Are Very Light, Despite Machine-Gun Fire.

TOKIO, Dec. 19.—The Japanese fired an immense mine under the north of Port Kewan 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 Nogai's headquarters today:

"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 Kewan Mountain, and then charged. A fierce 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 evening, General Samojima, commanding the supports, advanced into the casemates and, encouraging his men, threw his supports into the fighting line in a last brave charge.

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

"Before retiring the enemy exploded four mines in the neighborhood of the neck of the fort.

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

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

It is reported that the Japanese have gained a strong position about 1000 yards southeast of 203-Meter Hill, preparatory to assaulting the new town and pushing between Liao Ti Mountain and the Russian headquarters at Port Arthur.

The fighting against Sunghu Mountain continues.

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 Kewan 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 composed 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 steps during the explosion and was prevented from charging immediately, the mouths of the saps having been filled with debris.

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. 19.—Telegraphing under date of December 18, Vice-Admiral Togo says:

"There is no reason to doubt that the enemy's ships in the harbor of Port Arthur are totally unfit for service. I have reason to believe that the battleship Sevastopol has been disabled by our torpedo 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 torpedo-boat destroyers remain intact in the harbor.

"A staff officer of the naval brigade landed at Port Arthur reports as follows: "The battleship Peresvit is lying 200 meters northwest of the Tiger's Tail Peninsula, with her bow turned northeast, half north, and at high tide the water reaches to the torpedo tubes in her bow. She is submerged to her stern walk and lies aground without listing. Her central funnel is severely damaged.

"The battleship Poltava lies 200 meters north 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 doubtlessly aground and does not list.

"Retvizan Has a Bad List. "The battleship 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 northwest, half east, of the point of the Tiger's Tail, with her bow pointing northeast, half north, and her afterdeck 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 Peresvit. She is doubtlessly aground.

"The armored cruiser Bayan lies 400 meters southeast, 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 abandoned and no bombs are seen near them."

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Probable Verdict in North Sea Investigation.

BLUNDER NOT INEXCUSABLE

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

LONDON, Dec. 19.—The prevailing expectation in the British navy respecting the inquiry into the Dogger Bank outrage seems to be that the court will find: First, that no warship of any other country 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, fourth, that the entire affair was a blunder not absolutely inexcusable, and that, therefore, nobody is deserving of serious punishment.

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

"The opinion is strongly held by our own officers and those of other European navies that a fleet of warships at sea in time of war should not allow any war vessel it cannot identify as neutral to 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 and doing a lot of damage with her to 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 course was to fire on them. There is really nothing remarkable in cruisers being taken for torpedo-boats, for there is no navy in the world in which the same blunder has not been made. I counted up 15 authenticated cases the other day, involving the best navies of the world, British and American not excepted."

SULTAN DISMISSES FOREIGNERS

Proposes to Carry on His Own Military 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 Moroccan 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 Morocco contributing to the French military steps.

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 programme.

Fishermen Get Russian Money.

LONDON, Dec. 19.—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 ill-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 Japanese in concealing the presence of torpedo-boats on the Dogger Bank and to that end the fishermen are made drunk and money is spent on them with a free hand.

The owners of the fleet have long suspected such activity on the part of the Ruselians and recently have set a trap for some of the agents. The evidence adduced in this manner, the Mail states, will be submitted to the inquiry commission, which has its first sitting at Paris today.

Germany Not Yet Invited.

LONDON, Dec. 19.—The German Embassy informs the Associated Press that there is no truth whatever in the renewed reports of an Anglo-German movement looking to mediation in the Russo-Japanese War. The visit of Count Metternich, 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 arrive.

Sessions Resumed in London.

LONDON, Dec. 19.—The representatives of the Board of Trade, who are inquiring into the North Sea incident, resumed their

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, including 500 military cadets in Tokio under the auspices of the Chinese government, and 1000 more in the city independent of the government.

Dr. Greene further stated that if one should add to this fact that in several provinces of China there are military schools with Japanese instructors, "it is not difficult to see that when peace is restored Japan is not to stand alone in her purpose to prevent a new invasion of Manchuria on the part of Russia."

There is no evidence, according to Dr. Greene, that Japan is becoming exhausted. The rice harvest of this year is estimated to be worth 12,000,000 yen more than the average, and is the best for 20 years. Prices range high, but otherwise there is no sign of serious strain.

ATTACKS ON THE OUTPOSTS.

Three Attempts of the Russians Result in Failure.

TOKIO, Dec. 19.—Manchurian headquarters, in a report dated December 18, says:

"On the night of December 17, between 12 and 1 o'clock, the enemy made three attacks against our outposts in the neighborhood of Santaokuntzia, and also advanced at 1 o'clock in the morning to the vicinity of Sin Lung Tun and Tung-hai-sungku. The enemy was entirely repulsed.

"The enemy, with heavy guns, in the neighborhood of Sufangtun, commencing at 2 o'clock in the afternoon of December 18, fired 80 rounds from cannon against the neighborhood of the Shakhe Railway bridge, but the cannonade did not injure us."

COAL AT FRENCH PORT.

Squadron of Baltic Fleet Off African Coast.

SPECIAL CABLE TO THE LONDON TIMES AND PORTLAND OREGONIAN.
BRUSSELS, Dec. 19.—Passengers of the steamer Leopold Ville, which arrived at Antwerp yesterday, report that on the 17th the Russian Baltic fleet stopped to coal at Libreville, in the French Congo, where Admiral Rojestvensky exchanged visits with the French Admiral to whom he expressed the hope that he would arrive in the Far East about the middle of March.

MINE FIRED UNDER FORT.

Successful Japanese Charge Follows the Explosion.

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Village of Dapindu Taken.

MUKDEN, Dec. 19.—The village of Dapindu has been occupied, after a sharp fight, by a detachment of Russian infantry, Cossacks and borderers under Belinsky. Otherwise all has been quiet along the front.

Four Japanese, suffering from frost bite of the hands and feet, have voluntarily 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 folgaide laid by volunteers near a Japanese outpost exploded inflicting several casualties upon the Japanese. Artillery fire, he reports, is exchanged daily but there have been no engagements of importance.

Ready for Baltic Fleet.

SPECIAL CABLE.
SHANGHAI, Dec. 19.—Reliable reports from the south state that the Japanese are withdrawing men, guns, torpedo-boats and submarines to Formosa and the Pescadores, in order to be ready to attack the Baltic fleet at its rendezvous.

Sighted Off Cape Town.

CAPE TOWN, Dec. 19.—Sixteen vessels, presumably of the Russian Baltic squadron, have been sighted 25 miles out steering south. It is supposed they will call at Delagoa Bay, where coilers have already arrived.

Snow Storms Sweep Sakhalien.

KORAKOVSK, Island of Sakhalien, Dec. 19.—Ice is forming along the mainland and terrible snow storms have swept over the island. The price of food is increasing.

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Men's Neckwear, superb showing, 50¢ to \$3.
Men's House Coats, \$4.50 to \$15.50.
Men's Silk Suspenders, \$1.50 to \$5.00.
Men's Fancy Half Hose, 25¢, 50¢, 75¢ a pair.
All Linen Hemstitched and Hand Embroidered Initial Handkerchiefs, 25¢ each, box of 6 for \$1.40.

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Novelty wool Dress Patterns, all colors, \$2.75 to \$10.50.
Black, all-wool Skirt Patterns, \$1.95 to \$7.50.
Colored Skirt Patterns, newest weaves, \$2.50 to \$6.75.
Priestley's Cravenettes, for raincoats, pattern, \$5.00 to \$10.50.
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All our 7.00 Umbrellas.....	5.90	All our 13.00 Umbrellas.....	11.50
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All our 8.00 Umbrellas.....	6.95	All our 15.00 Umbrellas.....	12.65
All our 8.50 Umbrellas.....	7.45	All our 16.00 Umbrellas.....	13.35
All our 9.00 Umbrellas.....	7.95	All our 16.50 Umbrellas.....	13.75
All our 10.00 Umbrellas.....	8.75	All our 18.00 Umbrellas.....	15.00
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