

RUSSIAN FLEET OFF HAINAN ISLE

Driven From French Harbor, It Now Haunts Coast of Chinese Territory.

NEBOGATOFF NEAR AT HAND

New Squadron Sighted Off Cochinchina Coast May Join Rojestsvensky on Friday—Prospects of Battle.

SPECIAL CABLE

LONDON, April 24.—The Tokio correspondent of the Daily Telegraph cabled last night:

"The Governor of Hainan Island wired to the Chinese government that the Baltic fleet is taking coal off the coast of Hainan."

"It is stated at Hong Kong that the third Russian (Nebogatoff's) squadron will join the Baltic fleet next Friday, and that the Russians will make a prolonged stay at Hainan Island."

"Japan is vigorously protesting against the preparations for flight from Shanghai of the Russian protected cruiser Askold."

NEBOGATOFF DRAWS NEAR

New Squadron Passed on Way to Kamranh Bay.

SPECIAL CABLE

LONDON, April 25.—The Bangkok, Indo-China correspondent of the London Daily Mail, telegraphing via Hong Kong on Monday, states that he arrived at Kamranh Bay yesterday by fishing boat, the only means of communication with the port. He states that he found that the main squadron had sailed on Saturday, but that Admiral Rojestsvensky had left behind him some 18 vessels, including the cruiser Svetlana, the hospital-ship Orel, a destroyer, five German-built transports and a number of minor vessels, such as colliers, etc.

A steamer which arrived at Kamranh Bay on Sunday, reports having passed a battleship and eight other large vessels of war, which are believed to have been Admiral Nebogatoff's squadron steaming to join Rojestsvensky's fleet at a given rendezvous.

NOT AWAITING NEBOGATOFF

Rojestsvensky Expected to Fight With Togo Alone.

ST. PETERSBURG, April 25.—(2:45 A. M.)—The Admiralty professes to have no information as to whether Vice-Admiral Rojestsvensky is waiting for Nebogatoff's detachment, and says the matter is entirely in his hands and he has not communicated his determination.

Naval men do not expect a junction of Nebogatoff with Rojestsvensky. They suggest that the transport fleet may be left to the care of the slow but powerful ships of Nebogatoff's detachment, while Rojestsvensky tries conclusions with Togo.

DENIES FLEET IS ORDERED OUT

Russia Objects to Japanese Version of Admiral's Move.

ST. PETERSBURG, April 24.—The official telegraph agency issues the following notice: "We are in a position to assert that there is no truth in the announcement of the Tokio Foreign Office concerning Rojestsvensky's fleet. The French Governor-General of Cochinchina addressed no inquiry to the Russian government, nor was any demand made on Rojestsvensky to leave territorial waters, as doubtless he most punctiliously observed all the rules of neutrality."

LEAVES TRANSPORTS BEHIND

Russian Fleet Sails From Kamranh. Its Efficiency Doubtful.

KAMRANH BAY, Indo-China, via Saigon, April 24.—(11:30 A. M.)—The Russian squadron, consisting of 32 ships, including transports, left Kamranh Bay at noon April 22, and the main portion soon disappeared in a northerly direction. Sixteen vessels, the Russian cruiser Svetlana, the Russian hospital ship Orel, four German transports, seven Danish transports and three Russian transports remained in the offing. Fishermen and others assert that they heard heavy cannonading off Kamranh Bay during the evening of April 22.

Although the Russian crews were confident of victory, independent observers who got near enough to Admiral Rojestsvensky's warships to be able to inspect them were not unanimous regarding the efficiency of the squadron.

The point to which the cruiser Descartes went is Nua-Trang, a small town 30 miles north of Kamranh Bay, on Nua-Trang Bay. The latter is smaller than Kamranh Bay, quadrangular in shape, and extends about ten miles inland at a uniform width of about four miles.

OYAMA AWAITS SEA FIGHT

If Japan Holds Sea, He Will Besiege Vladivostok.

ST. PETERSBURG, April 24.—The news from Manchuria indicates that Field Marshal Oyama's plans await the result of the naval battle, it being too risky for the Japanese army to undertake serious operations while the outcome of the sea fight is in the balance. Should Admiral Rojestsvensky reach Vladivostok and Admiral Togo still be able to protect the Japanese lines of communication, the general belief at the War Office is that the Japanese will forthwith attempt to cut off and invest Vladivostok and make of the place another Port Arthur.

RENEWED RUMORS OF PEACE

Russia May Seek Terms Before Her Fleet Fights.

ST. PETERSBURG, April 24.—(5:35 P. M.)—Mysterious rumors that another attempt at peace negotiations is impending are circulated in high quarters, and the United States is directly mentioned as the

intermediary. The Associated Press has not been able to obtain any confirmation of the reports. No intimation of such a move has reached the American Embassy, but at the Foreign Office this afternoon an official inquired, perhaps significantly, when President Roosevelt would return to Washington.

ADMIRAL WILL DELAY BATTLE

Anxious for Nebogatoff to Join French Cruiser Watching.

KAMRANH BAY, via Saigon, April 24.—Those who saw Admiral Rojestsvensky prior to his departure say he is suffering from dysentery, accompanied by severe pains. All the officers and crews of the Russian ships appeared to be full of confidence. It is believed here that it is Admiral Rojestsvensky's intention to do everything possible to have Admiral Nebogatoff join him before undertaking a decisive battle.

JAPANESE ARMY REINFORCED

Each Company Recruited to Full Strength—Vladivostok Is Ready.

GUNSHU PASS, Manchuria, April 24.—The war weather is increasing, the amount of infectious diseases, but the general health of the Russian army is good. The Japanese army is reported to have been recruited to its full strength, companies numbering 230 men and each regiment having ten quick-firing guns.

Vladivostok in expectation of a siege, is far better provisioned than Port Arthur. Immense quantities of stores, collected in Manchuria, were accumulated there last Fall and Winter.

FEAR JAPANESE DECEPTION

Russia Discredits News of Kamimura's Whereabouts.

ST. PETERSBURG, April 24.—(11 A. M.)—The Admiralty is disposed to accept with reservation all foreign telegrams announcing the location of Admiral Kamimura and the Japanese ships, believing that many of them are purposely sent out for strategic deception.

The Novoe Vremya this morning prints a rumor that the opposing squadrons were already engaged Saturday, but the paper has nothing to support the report and no credence is placed in it.

AMERICAN WARSHIPS SCOUTING

WASHINGTON, April 24.—The cruiser Raleigh, which some days ago sailed from Labuan, Borneo, for the Cuyo Islands, in the Philippines, has arrived at Cavite according to a cable message to the Navy Department. It was assumed here that the Raleigh's captain had reason to believe that some of the ships of the hostile fleet might enter the Philippine waters in the vicinity of Cuyo Islands. The Navy Department is advised that the gunboat Villalobos has sailed from Shanghai for a cruise. While it is not stated in what direction the vessel has gone, it is believed that her mission is to observe the movements of hostile fleets in the event that they might turn toward Philippine waters.

Denies Interned Crew Will Fight

ST. PETERSBURG, April 24.—The report that the crew of the Russian cruiser Diana, interned at Saigon after the battle of August 10, had recently undergone repairs at Haiphong, Tonquin, had joined Admiral Rojestsvensky at Kamranh Bay previous to the sailing of the Russian squadron April 22, is denied here.

'EMPEROR DECORATES HEROISM

NEW YORK, April 24.—Fifty-one nurses at North Brother Island today were presented with diplomas, the gift of Augusta Victoria, the German Empress, in recognition of their heroism at the time of the disaster to the steamer General Slocum.

TODAY IS THE DAY

To Begin Taking Better Care of Your Health.

When the rigors of the winter have weakened and depressed your vitality, and have brought in the usual train of COUGHS and COLDS, Reinvigorate Yourself by taking

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Which will put Life-Force directly into your blood and save it from being exhausted by every part of the body. Vitalizing your Nerves and Bodily Organs.

Ozomulsion is the only Vitallized Emulsion of Cod Liver Oil with Hypophosphites of Lime and Soda, Glycine and Quassia. PREVENTS AND CURES FOR LA GRIPPE, PNEUMONIA, CONSUMPTION, CATARRH, BRONCHITIS, WEAKNESS OF LUNGS AND CHEST, THROAT TROUBLES, and a RECUPERATIVE for those Recovering from WASTING DISEASES.

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Admission 10c

ON EXHIBITION AT THE ARMORY ALL THIS WEEK.

Reginald Carter of The Norton Wins 1st Prize

—IN THE— INTERNATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE SCHOOL VOTING CONTEST —WITH— 553,480 Votes

Arthur Taylor of M. & A. Shogren Co. Wins 2d Prize With 342,096 Votes

THE GRAND TOTAL OF VOTES CAST WAS 1,085,599.

The contest opened Monday, February 13th, when the house of Olds, Wortman & King announced they would present a free scholarship in the L. C. S. course to the employe of any house, other than their own, who should receive the largest number of votes in a popular public contest to last ten weeks, ending last Saturday, April 22.

The educational feature at once gained favor with the public, hundreds of candidates' names appearing during the contest, but finally narrowing down to two or three about whom the interest has been intense. Early in March the firm of Olds, Wortman & King generously responded to a popular request and offered a second prize request and offered a second prize request and offered a second prize request.

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'BIG TYPE' ITEMS THAT DREW CROWDS OF BUYERS TO THE Dress Goods and Silk Stores

Yesterday and will draw even larger ones today—for values like these are powerful talkers in their own favor, and in ours.

First Floor—South Annex.

34-inch all-wool Suitings in neat checked and striped effect, all in the new Spring shades; regular \$1.50 goods, special for the week-only, yard 98¢

New English Novelty Mohair Suiting, in all the latest styles and colorings, the swiftest fabric for shirtwaist suits made; radically reduced for the week—Regular \$1.00 grade, special 69¢ Regular \$1.25 grade, special 89¢ Regular \$1.50 grade, special 98¢

Neat Shepherd check Voiles, in all wanted street colors; our regular \$1.00 values, special, per yard 74¢

Black Dress Goods.

Imported Silk and Wool Poplin de Chine and Crepe de Paris, Fashion's swiftest dressy fabrics, reduced radically for the week—

Reg. \$1.25 grades, special . . . 98¢ Reg. \$1.50 grades, special \$1.21 Reg. \$1.75 grades, special \$1.42 Reg. \$2.00 grades, special \$1.62 Reg. \$2.50 grades, special \$2.09

Rousing Silk Specials.

New 1905 Suit Silks—Every color and new design shown this season—taffetas, louisines, messalines and chiffon taffetas; a few of the styles are embroidered dots with check grounds, check grounds with illuminated dots, printed warps, Dolly Varden effects, etc.; divided in three immense assortments—

Lot 1—Unmatchable \$1.25 and \$1.00 values, special only, per yard 78¢

Lot 2—Unmatchable \$1.25 values; special only, per yard 92¢

Lot 3—Unmatchable \$1.75 and \$1.50 values; special only, per yard \$1.12

A BIG SPECIAL IN WASH FABRICS.

Jacquard Piques at 25¢.

Wash Goods Aisle—First Floor. Fine Jacquard Piques, soft, medium weight, in handsome raised effects; special price, the yard 25¢

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THE FOREMOST "CONGRESS STORE" ON THE PACIFIC SLOPE

Best People on Earth



The ELKS' "County Fair" Opens Today at Armory.

Continuing till and including Saturday, April 29th, afternoon and evening. Continuous music by two bands; dancing every evening. Admission 25¢; season tickets \$1. Thousands of Dollars Given Away in Prizes. "Go to It" and help unostentatious charity as exemplified by one of the noblest fraternal orders on earth.

THE BENEVOLENT AND PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS

Newest Merchandise From the World's Leading Markets at Prices That Mean Savings Out of the Ordinary.

PORTLAND'S LARGEST AND FOREMOST APPAREL STORES FOR WOMEN CONTINUE THE MATCHLESS VALUES OF YESTERDAY FOR ONLY TWO MORE DAYS.

Interest centered here yesterday and buying was enthusiastically done by hundreds of eager women who had waited until after Easter to select their Spring and Summer garments. Yesterday's buyers will become today's advertisers and the throngs will be even larger than yesterday. We are confident of this fact—as sure as that a powerful magnet will draw steel to its embrace. The values are here and seekers will be numerous. Be thrifty and enjoy the savings.

Extraordinary Sale of Smart Silk Shirtwaist Suits

\$18.50 Shirtwaist Suits for \$12.98.

In rich, handsome black, brown and blue taffeta in strapped and plaited trimming effects with buttons, Bishop sleeves, nine-gored flare skirts with double stitch seams.

\$25.00 Shirtwaist Suits for \$16.85.

Beautiful, crisp and rustling taffetas with fancy shirred and tucked waists and skirts to match; Bishop sleeves. Blacks, blues and browns and handsome changeable effects in garnets, greens and browns.

Special Easter Sale of Tailored Street Suits

\$15.00 Suits for \$10.85.

Cheviots and Venetians, blouse effects, with peplum, 9-gored plaited flare skirt, Bishop sleeves, braid and button trimmed, colors black, blues and browns.

\$38.50 Suits for \$29.85.

Cheviots, Panamas and fancy tweedish mixtures. In blouse effects and with fancy jackets with vest. Skirts are fancy plaited and shirred. Trimmings of fancy braids, novelty buttons and ornaments. In blacks, blues, grays and tans, in mixed effects and rich navys.



\$20.00 Suits for \$14.95.

Panama cloths and attractive fancy mixtures, blouse effects, Bishop sleeves, skirts in both flounce and fancy plaited effects, fancy braid and button trimmings; blacks, blues, browns and mannish fancy mixtures.

\$25.00 and \$28.50 Suits for \$19.65.

Etamines and fancy tweedish mixtures. Etons, blouse and jacket styles, skirts fancy plaited, plain tailored and trimmings of fancy braids, buttons and taffetas. Plain and fancy sleeve effects. Blacks, browns, blues and handsome mixtures.

A Sale of Stylish, Distinctive, Smartly Tailored Jackets at Exceptional Special Prices

Women's \$12.50 Coats for \$8.95.

In black serges, chevots and tan coverts, corset fitting and loose back boxy effects; all strictly tailor-made in both collarless and notched collar effects. Some are full lined with heavy satin; the box coats are unlined, strap and button trimmed.

Women's \$18.50 Coats for \$12.78.

In handsome tan coverts with fancy collars and notched styles, double or single breasted, corset-fitting, full satin lined, with strap and button trimmings.

A Great Spring Sale of Walking Skirts for Easter Week

\$7.50 Walking Skirts for \$3.98.

Cut in full, round lengths, from handsome, serviceable Panama cloths, fancy tweeds and canvas cloths in plaited, flare and flounce effects; tans, gray mixtures, blues, browns, blacks and attractive, mannish mixtures.

\$12.50 Walking Skirts for \$6.98.

Cut in full, round modish lengths, in fancy plaited and the new "umbrella" styles, from very stylish and serviceable materials, including alpaca, etamines and Panamas, in blacks, blues and browns. Umbrella effects have gored flares.

SPECIAL SALE OF SILK DROP SKIRTS.

\$5.00, \$7.50 and \$8.50 Values for \$3.98.

\$10.00, \$12.50 and \$15.00 Values for \$7.95.

Superb Silk Taffeta Skirts with drop, cut en traine in accordion plaited, ruffled and flounce styles, trimmed in ruffles and ruffled effects. Blacks, blues, tans, browns, navy, gray, green and white.

Positively Matchless Values—Women's \$5.00 Waists for \$3.45.

Of sheer lawn, trimmed in fancy lace yoke effects, backs tucked, Bishop sleeves, with lace cuffs to match yoke.

Woman's \$6.00 Waists for \$3.98.

Same as above, except that fronts are handsomely and elaborately embroidered.

SPECIAL VALUES IN SMART SAILORS MILLINERY SALONS

SCHOOL OF DOMESTIC SCIENCE. TEA ROOM. Second Floor. Under the Portland Y. W. C. A. Annexes.

Menu for Tuesday, April 25. Tea, Coffee, Chocolate. Milk in Bottles. Puree of Green Peas. Gulash with Potatoes.

Ribans, Creamed Eggs. Ham Sandwich. Hot Rolls. Bread and Butter. Pond Lily Tea Cakes.

FRESH INCENTIVE OFFERS TODAY FOR BUYING In the First-Floor Shops.

Women's 50 Hose 39¢.

Black all lace lisle hose, full fashioned, double sole; regular value 50¢, special, pair 39¢

Women's 35c Hose 25¢.

Black gauze lisle hose, double sole, spliced heel and toe; regular value 35¢, special, pair 25¢

Children's Hose 15c Pair.

Children's very fine ribbed black lisle hose, seamless, sizes 6 1/2 to 10; special at, pair 15¢

Women's 75c Vests 59¢.

White lisle Swiss ribbed long sleeve vests; regular value 75¢, special, each 59¢

Children's 15c Vests 10c.

Children's white cotton, low neck, sleeveless vests; regular values 12 1/2¢ and 15¢, special, each 10¢

Blue Flame Coal Oil Stoves

One Burner, special at, each \$2.58

Two Burners, special at, each \$4.15

Lamp Stoves.

One Burner, special at, each 39¢

Two Burners, special at, each 78¢

Gasoline Stoves.

Two Burners, special at, each \$2.75

Two-Burner Gas Plate, prices up from \$1.65

Ovens.

Planned steel lined, 2 shelves, price \$1.75

Hardwood Adjustable Window Screens.

Size 18x33 1/2 inches, special at, each 25¢

Size 24x37 1/2 inches, special at, each 33¢

Size 30x37 1/2 inches, special at, each 40¢

Size 30x42 inches, special at, each 45¢

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Of all kinds, priced at, each, up from \$7.50

Ice Boxes.

Priced at, each, up from \$6.56

King Quality Steel Range, with high closet, 16-inch oven; value \$52.50, special \$42.50

King Quality Steel Range, with high closet, 18-inch oven; value \$56.00, special \$46.00

Princess Steel Range, with high closet; value \$27.00, special \$24.50

Princess Steel Range, with high closet, 16-inch oven; value \$32.00, special \$26.50