RUSSIAN FLEET OFF HAINAN ISLE

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

NEBOGATOFF NEAR AT HAND

New Squadron Sighted Off Cochin China Coast May Join Rojestvensky on Friday-Pros-

pects of Battle.

SPECIAL CABLE. LONDON, April 24.-The Tokio correspondent of the Daily Telegraph cabled

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

"It is stated as 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 projected cruiser Askold."

NEBOGATOFF DRAWS NEAR.

New Squadron Passed on Way to Kamranh Bay.

SPECIAL CABLE. LONDON, April 25.-The Banghoi, 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 grams announcing the location main squadron had sailed on Saturday, but that Admiral Rojestvensky had left behind him some 18 vessels, including the cruiser Sveetlana, 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 It. 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 Rojestvensky's fleet at a given

NOT AWAITING NEBOGATOFF

Rojestvensky Expected to Fight With Togo Alone.

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

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

DENIES PLEET IS ORDERED OUT

Russia Objects to Japanese Version of Admiral's Move.

ST. PETERSBURG, April 24 .- The offileal 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 Of-The French Governor-General of Cochin China addressed no inquiry to the Russian government, nor was any demand made on Rejestvensky to leave territorial waters, as doubtless he most punctiliously observed all the rules of

LEAVES TRANSPORTS BEHIND

Russian Fleet Sails From Kamranh. Its Efficiency Doubted.

KAMRANH BAY, Indo-China, via Saigon, April 24.-(11:30 A. M.)-The Russian squadron, consisting of \$2 ships, including transports, left Kamranh Bay at noon April 22, and the main portion zoon disappeared in a northerly direction. Sixteen vessels, the Russian cruiser Scientisna, the Russian hospital ship Orel, four German transports, seven Danish trans-ports and three Russian transports remained in the offing. Fishermen and others assert that they heard heavy cannon-ading off Kamranh Bay during the evening of April 22.

Although the Russian crews were con-fident of victory, independent observers who got near enough to Admiral Rojest-vensky'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 Nna-Trang, a small town is miles north of Kamranh Bay, on Nha-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 awalt 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 Rojestvensky 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

RENEWED RUMORS OF PEACE

Russia May Seek Terms Before Her Fleet Fights.

of the place another Port Arthur.

PETERSBURG, April 34-0:55 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

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

As previously stated in these dispatches, a considerable party in the government holds strongly to the opinion that, now that Admiral Rolestvensky is ready to strike, before the issue is put to the test would be the most opportune time for opening negotiations.

ADMIRAL WILL DELAY BATTLE

Anxious for Nebogatoff to Join. French Cruiser Watching.

KAMRANH BAY, via Saigon, April 24 -Those who saw Admiral Rojestvensky 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 Rojestvensky's intention to do everything possible to have Admiral Nebogatoff join him before undertaking a decisive buttle.

A torpedo-boat destroyer is patroling the coast. The French third class cruiser Descartes left here at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon for a point on the coast where a fisherman reports that he saw 10 warships. The man, how-ever, was unable to give their nation-

JAPANESE ARMY REINFORCED

Each Company Recruited to Full

Strength--Vladivostok Is Ready. GUNSHU PASS, Manchurla, April 24. 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 strengta, companies numbering 280 men and each regiment having ten quick-fire guns.

Vladivostok, in expectation of a siege, is far better provisioned than Port Arthur was, Immense quantities of stores, collected in Manchurin, were accumu-lated 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 telemiral Kamimura and the Japacese ships, believing that many of them are pudposely sent out for strategical decep-

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

American Warships Scouting.

WASHINGTON, April 21.-The cruise Raieigh, which some days ago sailed from Labuan, Borneo, for the Cuyos Isl-ands, in the Philippines, has arrived at Cavite, according to a cable report 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 fleets might enter the Philippine waters in the vicinity of Cuyon Islands. The Navy Department is advised that the gurboat Vilialobos has sailed from Shanghal for a cruise. While it is not stated in what direction the vessel has gone. It is believed that her mis-sion is to observe the informents of hossion is to observe the movements of hos-tile fleets in the even 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 bat-tle of August 10, but recently undergoing repairs at Haifong, Tonquin, had joined Admiral Rojestvensky at Kamranh Bay previous to the sailing of the Russian squadron April 22, is denied here.

Empress Decorates Herolsm.

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 beroism at the time of the disaster to the steamer

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 has Brought in its Wake the usual rain of COUGHS and COLDS, Reinvigorate Yourself by taking

Which will put Life-Force directly into your Blood and carry it quickly through every part of the Body, Vitalizing your Nervos and Bodily Organs.
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will be sent by us to any reader of The Oregonian on request, so that sufferers in every
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558,480 Votes

Arthur Taylor of M. & A. Shogren Co. Wins 2d Prize With

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

342,096 Votes

The contest opened Monday, February 13th, when the house of Olds, Wortman & King announced they would present a free scholarship in the I. 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 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 of a second scholarship with the same school. The winners of both of these valuable prizes are mere boys whose friends number among the thousands. They would be dangerous antagonists, indeed, any of the aspirants for the Mayoralty if their age allowed of their becoming candidates. We sincerely congrainlate both lads and positive, indeed, that the cholarships so fairly won in a most stubborn contest will be used as stepping stones to a most sucbusiness or professional career. We hope to be able to publish the likenesses of both youngsters soon, with a word or two about them. We thank all who have caused this to be one of the most interesting store events in the history of the house and will

BIG TYPE" ITEMS THAT DREW CROWDS OF BUY-ERS TO THE

soon have something of even more

interest to offer for public ap-

always-doing-something store.

proval. Keep your eye on this

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. 4-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, yard98¢ New English Novelty Mohair Suiting, in all the latest styles and colorings, the swellest fabrie 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

- Black Dress Goods.

Imported Silk and Wool Poplin de Chines and Grepe de Paris, Fashion's swellest dressy fabries, reduced radically for the

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, louisine, 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-

ot 1-Unmatchable \$1.25 and Lot 2-Unmatchable \$1.25 values; special only, per yard 92¢ Lot 3-Unmatchable \$1.75 and

A BIG SPECIAL IN WASH FABRICS.

Jacquard Piques at 25c.

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

Portland's **Greatest Store**



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TODAY'S SPECIAL BARGAIN FEATURES

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First Floor.

THE FOREMOST "CONGRESS STORE" ON THE PACIFIC SLOPE

Best People Earth

THE BENEVOLENT AND PROTECTIVE ORDER OF

The ELKS' "County Fair" Opens Today at Armory. Continuing till and including Saturday, April 29th, after-

noon and evening. Continuous music by two bands; dancing 'every evening. Admission 25c; season tickets \$1. Thousands of Dollars Given Away in Prizes. "Go to It" and help unestentatious charity as exemplified by one of the noblest fraternal orders on earth.

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

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, ninegored 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. \$20.00 Suits for \$14.95.

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 narys.

tures, 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,

Panama cloths and attractive fancy mix-

Etons, blouse and jacket styles, skirts fancy plaited, plain tailored and trimmings of fancy braids, buttons and taffets. Plain and fancy sleeve effects. Blacks, browns, blues and hand-

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

and notched styles, double or single breasted,

corset-fitting, full satin lined, with strap and

In handsome tan coverts with fancy collars

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

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

In black serges, cheviots 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.

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.

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.

\$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 alpacas, etamines and Panamas, in blacks, blues and browns. Umbrella effects have gored 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 euffs to match voke.

Woman's \$6.00 Waists for \$3.98. Same as above, except that fronts are handsomely and elaborately embroidered.

SPECIAL VALUES IN SMART SAILORS FOR TODAY IN MILLINERY SALONS



Second Floor-Annex. Here indeed are superior millinery styles. A more beautiful display of exquisite millinery would seem almost an impossibility. You find here such an extensive variety, representing the best thoughts of every noted designer. The newest ideas that have lately gained popularity in Paris and New York are all shown here in their rich and peerless beauty. Every new millinery innovation that has captivated the fashion centers of the East is reflected here in its most artistic form at exceedingly moderate prices. We call special attention today, however, to a lot of the popular priced conceptions which we have grouped together and marked-in a limited quantity only, for today's selling at an easy-to-pay price. Jaunty sailors in new Milan and fancy Jap and plaid straw braids so much in demand for present wear. Shapes suited for matron or miss; special SCHOOL OF DOMESTIC SCIENCE. TEA ROOM

Under the Portland Y. W. C. A. Auspices. Menu for Tuesday, April 25. Tea. Coffee. Chocolate. Milk in Bottles. Puree of Green Peas. Gulash with Potatoes.

Rihans, Creamed Eggs. Ham SanJwich. Hot Rolls. Bread and Butter. Pond Lily Tea Cakes.

FRESH INCENTIVE OFFERS TODAY FOR Hosiery, Underwear

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Black all lace lisle hose, full fashioned, double sole; regular value 50e, special, pair 39¢ Women's 35c Hose 25c. Black gauze lisle hose, double sole, spliced heel and toe; regular value 35c, special, pair 25¢ Children's Hose 15c Pair. Children's very fine ribbed black lisle hose, seamless, sizes 61/2 to 10; special at, pair 15¢ Women's 75c Vests 59c. White lisle Swiss ribbed long sleeve vests; regular value 75e, special,

Women's 50 Hose 39c.

each 59¢ Children's 15c Vests 10c. Children's white cotton, low neck, sleeveless vests; regular values

35c Belts for 25c. Ladies' Wash Belts, some plain white, some embroidered; our 35c value, special at 25c

AN EXTRAORDINARY HANDKERCHIEF SALE

One-Half Dozen Linen Handkerchiefs for 48c. Richardson's pure, sheer linen handkerchiefs, quarter-inch hems, one-half dozen in box: the best value for the money ever offered special while they last, at, the box 48¢

35c and 40c Ribbons 25c Yard. Hundreds of vards of ribbons in both taffeta and satin taffets, in all colors, black and white; also some in stripes and fancy Persian effects; our regular 35c and 40c values

BEAUTIFUL ORIENTAL LACES. Values From 35c to 50c the Yard, Special 19c. An immense choosing of these handsome laces pretty net top, Oriental styles; the best values ever in the "Lace Store" at the regular prices of 35e, 40c and 50c the yard

Ribbons Worth 50c for 25c Yard. In the lot are 5-inch fine Satin Taffetas, an allsilk ribbon, worth 40e the yard; handsome shaded ribbons, shades running from light to dark, regular value 40c; pretty black and white effects in invisible stripe patterns, 40c values: 312 and 4-inch widths in beautiful Dresdens that are worth their full 45c value, and regular 50c values in 41/2-inch widths of rich, elegant Persian Ribbon; on special sale today for, the yard 25¢

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MEN'S SHOES. Men's \$4.00, \$4.50 and \$5.00 Shoes for \$3.49 The celebrated "Pingree" Shoes for Men here in all the different styles and in the

best of leathers, some with double soles,

others with medium or heavy soles; these shoes have been selling for \$4,00, \$4.50 an \$5.00, special sale price, the pair. \$3.49 Men's \$4.00 Shoes for \$3.39. Men's Tan Russian Calf Lace and Blucher-Cut Shoes, brand-new goods, up to date in

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Women's Oxford Ties \$4.00. Women's Oxford Ties, in tan and gray suede, the new shades which are being worn so much this season; they have the stylish Louis XV heels and silk-worked evelet holes; price, the pair \$4.00

Women's "Juliets" for \$1.69. Women's Comfort Shoes, the popular "Juliet," with or without rubber heels; our \$2.25 value, special sale price \$1.69 A Great Special Sale of Women's \$3.50 Shoes. A celebrated "advertised line" of women": vici kid and patent boots, to be closed out at a big reduction. These shoes are advertised in all leading papers at \$3,50, but ours is the privilege of reducing the price, as we are about to discontinue the line. We will sell these stylish shoes, the regular price of which is \$3.50, at a special

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Women's \$1.50 Slippers 94c. Women's one-strap patent colt slippers; our \$1.50 value, special sale price......94¢

MISSES' AND CHILDREN'S SHOES AND SLIPPERS. Children's \$1.00 Slippers 69c. Child's Two-Strap Slippers, with spring heels, our \$1.00 value, special at.............69¢

Misses' Shoes in patent colt and enamel calf,

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FOR HOT WEATHER COOKING-SPE-

CIAL SALE OF Oil, Gasoline and Gas Stoves

Don't fret and stew and bake and parboil these warm. Summery days over a hot wood or coal range when comfort comes so cheap. Garden Tools, Window Screens and Refrigerators Also at Low Prices-Third Floor.

Blue Flame Coal Oil Stoves. One Burner, special at, each......\$2.58 Two Burners, special at, each......\$4.15 Lamp Stoves.

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Ovens. Planished steel lined, 2 shelves, price \$1.75 Hardwood Adjustable Window Screens. Size 18x331/2 inches, special at, each 25¢

Size 24x371/2 inches, special at, each 33c Size 30x371/2 inches, special at, each ... 40¢ Size 30x42 inches, special at, each ... 45¢ Refrigerators.

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 el 16-inch oven: value \$52.50, special \$42.50

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