

SOON WITHIN SHOOTING RANGE

Russian and Japanese Fleets Draw Near, and May Fight Within Two Days.

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Chinese Greatly Excited at Rumor. Russian Admiralty Expects Togo Will Delay Battle—Negotiations Passes Saigon.

SPECIAL CABLE. SAIGON, April 25.—It is believed here that within 48 hours will have been received the result of the preliminary struggle between the Russian fleet commanded by Admiral Rojestvensky and the Japanese scouting squadron which is commanded by Admiral Kamimura.

NEW SQUADRON IS SIGHTED

Negotiations Pass Saigon to Join Main Fleet.

GONE TO MEET NEBOGATOFF

Rojestvensky Turns South to Join New Squadron.

EXPECT TOGO TO PLAY FABIAN

Russians Predict He Will Delay Battle for Strategic Reasons.

ST. PETERSBURG, April 25.—(G. A. M.)—Admiralty circles are coming to accept the view that there will be no great or general action between the fleets of Russia and Japan for some time, basing their belief on strategic and tactical reasons which incline Admiral Togo to avoid a decisive action until he has made every effort to demoralize the Russian fleet by torpedo attacks and interference with transports by his cruiser division.

The probability of a sortie by the Vladivostok squadron in an attempt to join Admiral Rojestvensky is discussed by the Rasvodka, a military weekly paper, which confirms the report that three cruisers, the Gromobol, Russia and Rogatyr, have concentrated and that Vladivostok has been a sea of ice and comments upon this accession of strength to Rojestvensky.

The paper also intimated that there is a possibility that Vice-Admiral Nebogatoff may avail a second reinforcing squadron and express the opinion that Rojestvensky will now proceed as rapidly as possible to Vladivostok.

RUSSIANS SEIZE HAINAN ISLE

Chinese Excited at Report—British Navy on the Alert.

SPECIAL CABLE. HONGKONG, April 25.—Great excitement prevails in Chinese circles over the report that the Baltic fleet has seized the island of Hainan. The viceroy of Kwantung has despatched officials to investigate the matter.

British naval authorities here are extremely reticent about their intentions, but elaborate naval preparations are being made for eventualities. Swift cruisers are scouting. The holidays of the crews of the men-of-war have been stopped. The shipping here is thrown into confusion, as most vessels are afraid to sail while the Russians are still on the sea.

Suspecting that the British steamer Beachly carried contraband for the Russians, the crew, which was chiefly shipped at this port, refused to proceed in the vessel, although offered a month's pay as a bonus. The Beachly, although without clearance, attempted to get out of the harbor Monday night during a fog, but was prevented. The British authorities here are exercising the utmost vigilance to maintain strict neutrality.

RUSSIAN CRUISERS OFF SAIGON

Diana's Crew Did Not Join Fleet, and Ship Is Dismantled.

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The statement that the crew of the Russian-protected cruiser Diana joined Admiral Rojestvensky's squadron, is again pronounced absolutely unfounded. The commander of the Diana has been given his parole and reports daily to the French commandant. All the essential parts of the Diana's machinery are on board the French battleship Redoubtable.

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