

SQUADRON GOES BY

Nebogatoff Passes Singapore at Early Morn.

BRITISH SEND HIM SIGNALS

Russian Marine Parade Bulletin All Through Malacca Straits.

SPECIAL CABLE. SINGAPORE, May 5.—(5:10 A. M.)—Nebogatoff's squadron of 11 ships passed Singapore at 5 o'clock this morning.

The Russian war vessels exchanged signals with the British warships in the harbor, all of which had their steam up and used their searchlights on the Czar's ships.

FOURTH DIVISION IS SIGHTED

No Doubt This Time of Identity of Nebogatoff's Ships.

SINGAPORE, May 4.—The British steamer Selangor, which arrived here today, reports having passed a division of the Russian warships off Jughra, midway between the island of Penang and Singapore, at 9 o'clock this morning.

ISLAND OF PENANG, Straits of Malacca, May 4.—The Russian warships sighted by the British steamer Selangor this morning have been identified as the fourth division of the Russian Pacific squadron, commanded by Rear-Admiral Nebogatoff.

MALACCA, Straits Settlement, May 4.—(3:30 P. M.)—A Russian division, consisting of four battleships, an armored cruiser and a gunboat, accompanied by five colliers, is now passing Malacca bound south.

Ten Days to Reach Rostovskiy.

ST. PETERSBURG, May 4.—The Admiralty today received from an agent at Singapore a report of the sighting of Rear-Admiral Nebogatoff's squadron off Jughra, but the news is unofficial. Nevertheless, it is credited, the naval authorities having generally been of the opinion, ever since the rumor of a junction of the Russian fleet was spread, that Nebogatoff had not passed the gate of the China Sea. There is the greatest interest here regarding the condition of the Russian ships after the voyage across the Indian Ocean. It is estimated that Nebogatoff will require ten days in which to join Vice-Admiral Rostovskiy.

VIOLATE BRITISH NEUTRALITY

Russian Ships Have Been in British Waters for a Week.

LONDON, May 4.—The identification of the warships sighted by the steamer Selangor in the Straits of Malacca this morning as Rear-Admiral Nebogatoff's division of Admiral Rostovskiy's squadron is considered liable to develop an interesting situation. Jughra, off which the division was seen, is a town of the State of Selangor, which is a British protectorate and is not far distant from the point where a Russian division was sighted as long ago as April 27. It is not yet known whether the Russian warships are within territorial waters, or whether they are obtaining supplies from the neighboring land.

A brief telegram on the subject from Singapore, however, is taken to indicate that for a week the Russian ships have been practically enjoying the hospitality of the waters of Japan's ally in the same manner that Admiral Rostovskiy's ships have utilized French waters in Cochin-China.

A cable dispatch received in London this afternoon says that two of Nebogatoff's transporters, the Rostovskiy and the Selangor, on the north coast of the island of Sumatra, with their bows stove in, evidently having been in collision. Their names are given as the Marietcha and Hermine Mittenmuller.

TYPHOON SCATTERS FLEET.

Damage to Ships May Delay Rostovskiy's Plans.

AMOI, China, May 4.—A typhoon which swept over the coast of South China this week is said to have damaged the Russian second Pacific squadron considerably. The lighter vessels are reported to have been scattered.

Shipping men expect further delay in the execution of Admiral Rostovskiy's plans as a result of the damage sustained by the squadron.

ANGER WITH FRANCE GROWS

Japan Calls Her Pledge of Neutrality Elastic.

TOKYO, May 4.—The press of this city continues its sharp criticism of the French neutrality in Indo-China waters, and expresses surprise and indignation at what it describes as the elasticity of France's pledge.

THE Jiji urges the government to adopt independent action for the protection of the national interests, and insists that the responsibility for the extension of hostilities to the Russian fleet must rest upon France. It is understood that the Japanese government has addressed France on the question of her neutrality, but the nature of the correspondence is unknown.

HAVE SOLD NO WARSHIPS.

Chile and Argentina Would Not Deliver During War.

SPECIAL CABLE. BUENOS AIRES, May 5.—The Minister of Foreign Affairs absolutely denies that warships of either Chile or Argentina have been sold to Russia. He states that, while flattering offers have been received by both nations from representatives of Russia and Japan, the answer has been that they would willingly sell now, but they must refuse to deliver their warships until a peace treaty has been signed.

Oyama Prepares an Advance.

GUNSHU PASS, Manchuria, May 4.—The armies of Generals Nodzu, Oku and Kuroki are concentrating along a line from the Pass with the right flank extended northwest. General Kawamura is northeast, and General Nogai is west of the Pass. The grouping of the Japanese armies indicates that Field Marshal Oyama when he advances will move his right flank first.

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SPECIAL NOTE

Each day's specials this month are absolutely different from preceding days. No price advertised here lasts over one day—that day today. Saturday and each day following, until June 1, has its own respective bargains. PRICES ADVERTISED DURING MAY ARE FOR ONE DAY ONLY. Note the day.

SPECIAL FOR TODAY ONLY. Pre-Exposition Sale of Suitings in Colors and Blacks;

South Annex—First Floor. 54-inch Rainproof Suitings; hard twisted; all pure worsted yarns, in neat invisible stripes and plain covers, waists especially adapted for suits, skirts and shirtwaist suits; all wanted colors to select from, embracing modes, tans, navys, browns, greens and oxfords—our regular \$1.75 quality; special for today only, yard \$1.33

Black Dress Goods for Today

Imported Black All-Wool Cheviots, Serges, Granites, Panamas and neat figured Panamas, also a large assortment of Panama Voiles; all warranted fast dye—our regular \$1.25 grades; special for today only, the yard \$0.92

SPECIAL TODAY ONLY—PRE-EXPOSITION SALE. Rarest, Sort Silk Values

3500 of New Suit Silks; all come in the very latest makes and designs. Not stripes and checks, also a large assortment of new figured patterns; Taffetas, Louisines and Caifon Taffetas; also Black Taffetas and Paoli de Soie; every yard dependable wearing silks—our unequalled \$1.50 quality; special for today only, the yard \$1.12

SPECIAL TODAY ONLY—PRE-EXPOSITION SALE. In Wash Goods Realm—Pretty 30c Chambrays at 34c

First Floor. Pretty Silk Chambrays; about 50 pieces in the lot; one of the most popular fabrics of the present season for making up the pretty and attractive summer shirtwaists and suits; a splendid wearing material, in colors including light and medium tints, champagnes and light and dark grays—Regular 34c, special for today only, yard \$0.34

SPECIAL TODAY ONLY—PRE-EXPOSITION SALE. Of Women's Undermuslins and Children's Underwaists

Annex—Second Floor. Ladies' Fine Cambric Petticoats; 22-inch lawn flounces, 12 fine hemstitched tucks, 12-inch Swiss embroidery in the new English eyelet designs—Regular prices \$1.75 and \$3.50; special at \$1.25

SPECIAL TODAY ONLY—PRE-EXPOSITION SALE. Women's Knit Underwear and Handsome Hosiery for Matron and Miss

First Floor. Women's Dr. Deibel's Men's Mesh Vests and Pants; socks, long sleeves, ankle-length; vests hand-made, lisle lace-trimmed—\$1.50 value; special at, each \$1.12

SPECIAL TODAY ONLY—PRE-EXPOSITION SALE. A Trio of Exceptional Values to Interest Thrifty Home-Fitting Folk

Drapery and Floor Covering Stores—Fourth Floor. 30c JAPANESE MATTING 22c. Japanese Matting, plain and fancy; choice of 15 patterns—Regular value 30c; special, yard \$0.22

SPECIAL TODAY ONLY—PRE-EXPOSITION SALE. Useful and Timely Specials Friday in the Housefurnishing Stores

Third Floor. GLASS VASES. Clear Glass Vases; now is the time to buy; flower vases in here—8 inches high—Regular value 10c; special, each \$0.12

FLOWERS for Spring. Special Today—Pre-Exposition Sale. Great Annual May Sale of Flowers and Foliage Occurs Today. In the Bijou Millinery Salons—Second Floor Annex. 5000 Bunches of Pretty Flowers and Foliage For Hat Trimming—19c and 25c Values. 12 1/2c BUNCH. Another crowd-bringing attraction in the busy Millinery Salons that have been thronged all the week by eager buyers of the matchless bargains offering.

Special Today Only—A Pre-Exposition Sale. A Grand Round-Up of the Heavier Suits. Grand Salons of Dress—Second Floor. Largest and Foremost Suit and Wrap Store West of Chicago. Suits that Sell at from \$20 to \$50 to be Closed at One. Great Special Sale Today at an Absolute Choice for \$9.95. We have congregated every Suit left over from the past Winter's selling in our group, and shall offer them at a most astonishing sacrifice today.

Special Today Only—Pre-Exposition Sale. Women's Pretty Summer Shirtwaists for 98c. That are Splendid Values at the Regular Price of \$3.75. Grand Salons of Dress—Second Floor. Another of those occasions for which the house of Olds, Wortman & King is famous, one more of those wonderful Shirtwaist Sales which never fail to draw record-breaking crowds to the big Second Floor Apparel Salons.

SPECIAL TODAY ONLY—PRE-EXPOSITION SALE. In Art Shop and Junior Apparel Store. Annex—Second Floor. Cushion Tops of heavy velour velvet, in pretty designs; colors light and dark green, terra cotta, light and dark red—Regular prices 65c; special at, each \$0.44

SPECIAL TODAY ONLY—PRE-EXPOSITION SALE. Women's Pretty Bracelets, Purses and Jewel Pockets. Jewelry Aisle—West Annex—First Floor. A season of elbow steves and pretty pink and white bared arms, as displayed by bewitching femininity; calls for pretty bracelets as aids in adorning.

SPECIAL TODAY ONLY—PRE-EXPOSITION SALE. The Man's Shop. West Annex—First Floor. A lively quartet of bargains that appeal strongly to thrifty folk of the male persuasion—A line of Men's Muslin Night Shirts; trimmed fronts, also in plain styles—Regular value 75c; special at, each \$0.50

SPECIAL TODAY ONLY—PRE-EXPOSITION SALE. Leather Goods. One lot of assorted styles of Bracelets, "Netherlands"; wire and bangle, in children's, misses' and ladies' sizes; values up to 85c and \$1.00; for one day only at \$0.50

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO SUBURBAN FRIENDS AND PATRONS. A score or more of letters were received by the store publicity department today from near-by neighboring towns, written by patrons who make a practice of running into Portland once or twice a week to do their shopping in person.

SPECIAL TODAY ONLY—PRE-EXPOSITION SALE. Good and Fashionable Shoes. The "Fair-Way" Footwear Shops—West Annex—First Floor. BOYS' \$1.75 SHOES \$1.24. Boys' box calf and vic' kid shoes; solid leather and stylish lasts; made by one of our best American shoe makers; sizes 9 to 12, inclusive—Regular value \$1.75; special, pair \$1.24

SPECIAL TODAY ONLY—PRE-EXPOSITION SALE. Ample Savings for Today's Economy Sale in Women's Furnishings. First Floor. \$1.25 KID GLOVES FOR 80c. Ladies' Mocha Kid Gloves; pique sewed; 1-clasp; in black and colors; Dressed Kid Gloves; full pique sewed; also some in Dent's style; 1-clasp, Pique seam; very durable; any of these Gloves are worth \$1.25—Special Economy Sale Price, the pair \$0.80

SPECIAL TODAY ONLY—PRE-EXPOSITION SALE. A Half Score of Savings—Pick-ups From First Floor Small Wares Shops. Light-Weight Summer Dress Shields; white nainsook covered; all sizes; Nos. 1, 2 or 4; special for today only, at pair \$0.10

SPECIAL TODAY ONLY—PRE-EXPOSITION SALE. One lot of rich gold-filled Netherlands Bracelets, in plain, pierced, all-gold and stone settings in Roman and rose-gold-finish, high-grade goods—Values up to \$2.50 and \$3.75; today only \$1.25