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count of the naval battle in the Straits

the best fighting material of his own squadron, four battleships and the cruis-ers Nisshin and Kasuga, and Vice-Admi-ral Kamimura's squadron of six armored rat Kamimura's squaron of NK armored cruiseers. Togo steaming 14 and Kami-mura 15 knots. The Russians opened fire at 12,000 meters. It was wholly ineffectual. The Japanese reserved their fire until 5000 meters, when they fired six trial shots and scored three hits. The battle then became general. The Russians per-petually essayed to force their way northpetually essayed to force their way northward, but the Japanese as constantly headed them back, so the Russian course

higher rate of fire, but their aim was bad nd ineffectual

But the most important part of his plan remained for night, loosing his squadron of torpedo-boats upon the disabled Rus-sians. These rushed from three quarters,

Nothing was more terrible than the Japanese skill in using torpedoes, contrast-ing markedly with their previous ill-auc creases and evidently resulting from the special course of training they recently pursued, together with the teachings of

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Message to Rojestvensky Implies

-Emperor Nicholas has cabled the fol-lowing message to Admiral Rojestvensky. "From my heart I thank you and all the officers of the squadron who have noncrably done their duty for your un-selfish work for Russia and for me. By the will of the Aimighty, success was not iestined to crown your endeavors, but sour boundless bravery will always be a

is suffacting attention. The restriction of the Emperor's thanks to those honor-ably doing their duty is familing the ugly alk regarding the surrendering of ships and the conduct of some of the crews. The messages of Admiral Enquist and laptain Chagin, of the Russian cruiser Almas, did not contain any infimation of mishebavior on the part of officers of of misbehavior on the part of officers of

WASHINGTON, June 9.-Secretary Caft has received the following cable-gram from Governor Wright, at Ma-sila: "Russian warships did not lea"