

ment was issued late tonight in the form of an official report.

Captain Matousevitch makes it clear that the Port Arthur squadron fought harbor. what probably was the greatest battle of tronolada since steel replaced wood in ship. naval construction. The effort of the Russians to fight their way through the Japanese probably would have been successful had it not been for the disaster to the battleship Czarevitch, which compelled the squadron to fight a second battle, ending in the dispersal of the Russian fleet in the darkness

Took Risk to Encourage Men.

The Associated Press learns that the awful mortality of the officers of the Charevitch, which was merely stated in the official report, is due to the fact that Admiral Withoeft and most of his officers were gathered on the bridge during the action in order to set an example to and encourage the men, instead of remaining in comparative safety in the protection of the conning tower. A Japanese shell burst beneath the bridge, wrecking that part of the ship and killing or wounding every officer on duty thereabouts.

One of the most important features of Captain Matousevitch's dispatch, aside from its grimly brief account of the battle, is the detailed statement of the makeup of Rear-Admiral Togo's fleet, which consisted of six battleships, 11 cruisers of various classes and approximately 30 torpedo-boats.

According to this statement, there were in line of battle some ships previously reported destroyed. This gives an indication of Japan's naval force which Admiral Togo has hitherto concealed.

Japanese Daring as Ever.

A Russian account of the battle between the Japanese and Russian fleets indicates that the Japanese torpedo-boats sustained their previous reputation for daring by making a midnight attack upon a squadron in battle formation, and admits effectiveness of these frail, daring craft which seriously impeded the movements of the Russian fleet.

The wording of the official report that the battleship Czarevitch "turned" to try to go in the direction of Viadivostok arouses some comment here. Assuming, as the report seems to indicate, that the battle was off the Shantung Peninsula, the turning of the Czarevitch to go towards Viadivostok would most probably indicate that the remainder of the squadron was going back in the direction of Port Arthur. At the same time, the report that the day after the battle four Russian battleships were sighted off Shanghai makes it possible that the battle occurred further south in the Yellow Sea than the report of Captain Matousevitch indicates, and that when the Czarevitch "lost sight of the remainder of the squadron," the Russian fleet was actually procoeding south. This opens an interesting question as to the ultimate destination of the remaining Russian battleships.

Regret Mingled With Admiration. The fact that the crushing nature of the blow to the Russian fleet was largely due to the feeling of comradeship which prompted the squadron to halt for the purpose of protecting the disabled Czarewitch is viewed here with grim satisfaction, and regret is mingled with admira-

A steamer would have been chartered or torpedo-boat destroyers, apparently Japanese, entered this harbor at 8 o'clock tonight. A cruiser remained outside the before this but for the exorbitant terms asked by owners. The buige in the war One of the torpedo-boats exrisk market that followed the seizures by changed signals with the Chinese fing-

Admiral Has Seen No Ships.

CHEFOO, Aug. 14, 4 A. M .- The correspondent of the Associated Press at once visited the Chinese flagship, where he was believed, however, that an arrangement told by Admiral Sah that no Japanese or Russian vessels had been seen during will be secured for the service. The Northe night.

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the Russian fleet has given the owners of all available tramp steamers an excuse for putting up rates to a figure that is almost prohibitive. The Quito demands \$5.50 n ton, and as the regular tariff on flour to Japan is only \$4 a ton this month, the deal has not progressed rapidly. It is wegian steamer Hero, now at San Fran-Launch turns turtle at Potomac regatta and HEAD OF HARRIMAN WATER LINES ON PACIFIC ten people are drowned. Page 3. COAST, IN PORTLAND Fire at New York gas tanks causes great panic, many people heildren. Page 2. Assessor of Thurston County, Wash., Increases valuation on railway property and timber lands. Page 6. Raker County Sheriff will close gambling to morrow, Page 6.

tions regarding contrahand goods, providing Britain will agree they are binding in future wars. Page 3. one of the leather chairs of the club.

estan cruiser Askold, badly damaged, enters Shanghal, but can only remain 24 hours, Page 2.

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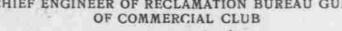
tic, many people in fleeing forgetting their

want to get the papers into line, for I want them to acquaint the people of the country with the problems which confront them, and the department in pursuing this work of reclamation." Then the visitor

smiled, perhaps thinking of the times, not far past, when he was just as anxious to keep the papers in the dark as to the plans of the department.

Mr. Newell's Missions.

"I am out in the West on three mis-ions," continued Mr. Newell, counting on his fingers to impress the number.



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people as to whother they wish to have the land developed by private enterprise or by Government aid. "In fact." explained Mr. Newell, smil-

ing at his figure, "the work of the Govern-ment is like that of a man driving a band of pigs. If the head one starts right the rest will perhaps follow, but if the leader balks the whole band stops. In the case of the irrigation work, if the first men work with the department, the rest will work with the department, the rest will

perhaps fall into line. And the sooner

fensible. It is no exaggeration to say that Governor Chamberlain's letter created more excitement than has been witnessed in

the Department in many months, and brought about such activity among clerks as is without precedent. Since that letter was received the Department has been unable to act with enough expedition.

with settlement, and is, all in all, inde-

Portion of Lands Unfit.

Immediately upon receipt of Governor Chamberlain's note the Forestry Bureau, which definitely recommended the creation of the Blue Mountain Forest Reserve last May, was called upon to state what lands in the Blue Mountain and Wallowa withdrawals had been found unfit for reserve nurposes. The Bureau promptly replied that about 325,000 acres in the Blue Mountain withdrawal were deemed unsuitable for permanent reservation, and 20,000 acres in the Wallowa withdrawal. Some of this land is good only for grazing; other tracts are barren and could not produce trees, while still other tracts lying in the valleys along streams which penetrate the proposed reserves are distinctively agricultural lands, and not desirable in a reserve. In other words, the Forestry Bureau recommended that all public lands included in these two withdrawals which are in any way desirable for settlement or entry-except under the timber-land laws-be restored to the public domain, retaining under withdrawal only those lands that are valuable for their timber and essential in the preservation of the water supply.

Urges Their Creation at Once.

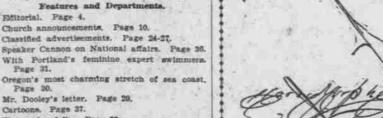
The Forestry Bureau went further, and recommended that at the time these lands are restored to entry, permanent reserves be created. In recommending the immediate creation of these two reserves, the forestry officials distinctly pointed out the necessity of drawing reserve boundaries so as to exclude all private holdings, unless it might be a few isolated tracts in the interior. This recommendation went to the General Land Office yesterday, in order that no base be created for future Heu selections.

The forestry division of the General Land Office concentrated its entire force for a day and a half searching the records to determine the character and status of every minor subdivision in the Blue Mountain and Wallowa withdrawals, and compared its data with that furnished by the Forestry Bureau. Acting Commissioner Fimple, however, will not recommend that any reserves be created at this time, in view of the determination to let such matters go over until after election, but he did follow out the other suggestion of the Forestry Bureau, and recommended to the Interior Department the restoration to entry of all lands which have been found unsultable for permanent reservation. These lands would have been actually restored to entry today but for the fact that Secretary Hitchcock and all Assistant Secretaries of the Interior were out of the city. It is expected one of the assistants will return Monday, and the restoration order then be issued. Having succeeded so well with these two

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