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## SIX RUSSIAN VESSELS LOST

### HOAR SAYS HE IS TREATED UNFAIRLY

Asserts That His First Speech on Panama Is Misrepresented and Greatly Distorted by Associates.

No Reflection on President Roosevelt Intended, Information Only Desired.

HE NAMES SENATOR FORAKER

Ohio Member Takes Floor and Replies to Hoar Justifying His Previous Remarks By Quotations.

Washington, Feb. 22.—The feature of today's session was a speech from Hoar in explanation of his former speech on the isthmian canal situation. He complained of criticisms on his utterances at that time, saying he had been misunderstood and misrepresented, and contended that his intention on that occasion had been to secure full information concerning the Panama revolt and not to cast reflection on the president.

Foraker was mentioned among others who had criticized the first speech, and after Hoar had concluded, the Ohio senator replied he had not meant unjustly to reflect on Hoar, justifying his remarks by quoting from Hoar's original speech. Hoar replied, accusing Foraker not only of having misrepresented him on the first occasion, but of misrepresenting him today. The result was a sharp colloquy at short range and when it came to a conclusion the senators did not appear to have approached any nearer to an understanding than at the beginning.

Other speeches were made during the day by Carmack, whose remarks were devoted to a censure of Minister Bunau Varilla, and by Cullom, who as chairman of the committee of foreign relations, has had charge of the treaty. The senate adjourned until 11 o'clock tomorrow.

Bill Opposed By Republicans. Washington, Feb. 22.—The navy ap-

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propriation bill today encountered opposition on the republican side of the house. Burton, of Ohio, chairman of the river and harbor committee, announced in a vigorous speech that he could not support the bill, which declares the United States, which in his view should be leader in all work for peace, is going to double, treble and quadruple its naval establishment, all under the assertion that it is done for peace. Consideration of the bill was pending when the house adjourned.

Tin Deposits Found. New York, Feb. 22.—Large deposits of tin are reported to have been discovered in lower Burma, near the Siamese frontier, by Colonel K. M. Foss, in charge of a party of engineers, says a Times dispatch from Colombo, Ceylon. Coal was also found in the neighborhood. The tin deposits are asserted to be as great as those of the straits settlement.

STARTING EXHIBIT EASTWARD. Committee Active in Connection With Oregon Mines and Fair.

Portland, Feb. 22.—The mining committee of the World's fair commission is getting the exhibit in shape for shipment to St. Louis. There are only two on the committee at present. Dr. Dav Rafferty and Frank Williams. They go to Baker City this evening for the purpose of ascertaining the exact amount of space that the collection gathered by Fred R. Mellis will need, and also to examine the character of the exhibit.

Dr. Rafferty said this morning: "I want to see a good exhibit and have the interests of mining in view, knowing its great importance to the building up of the west. I represent the state in this matter, and wish to do so conscientiously, and could not do so without seeing the entire collection. We also wish to find out the exact amount of that space that we can now fill. We wish at once to get the entire mineral exhibit together and ship it as soon as possible."

"We will stop at some other points between here and Baker, as I understand there are some commercial products which we wish to see. We will be gone three or four days, and on our return will be in a position to act."

J. H. Fisk is at present in the southern part of the state, where he is adding to the exhibit.

Mack Goes Down. Chicago, Feb. 22.—Jack O'Brien, of Philadelphia, defeated Charlie Mack, of Milwaukee, in the third round of a six-round bout tonight.

### FOUR TORPEDO BOATS TAKEN AND TWO BATTLESHIPS ARE DESTROYED

News Not Authentic But Report Is Current That Japs Attack Port Arthur Again--Deceives Enemy With Signals.

Viceroy Alexieff Retires to Harbin--Port Arthur Strictly a Naval Stronghold, Forts Being Manned by Naval Gunners--Story Told of Attack on Steamer by Russian Warships.

London, Feb. 22.—The Nagasaki correspondent of the Daily Telegraph, cabling under date of February 22, reports the Japanese squadron has captured four Russian torpedo boats at Port Arthur by using Russian signals. This dispatch appears to confirm reports from various quarters of a fresh attack on Port Arthur by the Japanese. The report reached Nagasaki from Chefoo and it adds that the Russian crews of four torpedo boats have been transferred.

No other news of this attack has been received in London, but the Chefoo correspondent of the Morning Post, in a dispatch dated February 22, says the statement is current there that the Japanese torpedo boat destroyers, in an attack on Port Arthur on February 14, sunk or damaged two Russian battleships. In addition to the torpedo boats already reported. It is possible, therefore, the report of the Telegraph's Nagasaki correspondent also refers to the earlier attack.

Viceroy Alexieff's retirement to Harbin is now an accomplished fact, and the correspondent of the Associated Press cables that Port Arthur is now strictly a naval stronghold and the forts are being manned by naval gunners.

DISCREDITS THE REPORT.

Jaan's Minister Does Not Believe Russia Suffered Big Loss.

London, Feb. 22.—The latest advices of Baron Hayashi, the Japanese minister to Great Britain, lead him to believe that the Japanese troops may now wait possibly two or three months before undertaking aggressive operations in Manchuria. He said:

"We have found that Russia is so unexpectedly unprepared that I should not be surprised if the Japanese land forces contented themselves with establishing a thorough organization and advancing as the construction of the railroad toward the Yalu river progresses. Russia appears to be less prepared than was China in 1895. I believe that only three trains a day can be run through Manchuria. Supposing these are equally divided between troops and supplies, which would be necessary, Russia could not perceptibly strengthen her land forces before April. Japan's naval coup has been so successful that I rather think our troops will take their time. The shallow inlets are now frozen over, retarding the disembarkation of our forces. This is especially true at Port Arthur, where another landing of troops is impossible, owing to the ice."

Baron Hayashi does not credit the report that 2500 Russian soldiers have been killed in an outpost engagement at the Yalu river. He says there is no Japanese force in that vicinity large enough to inflict such a loss. The only naval development Baron Hayashi expects in the near future is an attack on the Japanese fleet by the powerful Russian torpedo flotilla at Port Arthur and hitherto unused. On the Japanese side, except possibly actions against the Russian Vladivostock squadron, the Japanese minister does not look for developments at present. Believing Admiral Togo will be satisfied to keep the disabled Russian squadron prisoners at Port Arthur. The minister credits the Russians with having barely 100,000 troops in Manchuria.

Blown Up By Mine. Wel-Hai-Wel, Feb. 22.—The British

steamer Ching Ping, belonging to the Chinese Engineering & Mining Company, of Shanghai, has arrived here from Port Dalny and reports she also was fired upon by the Russians and was hit several times around her water line. The Russian pilot boat, coming out of Port Dalny to meet the Ching Ping, was blown up by a mine.

HEADED FOR NORTHERN COREA. Expected That Japan Will Make Dash For Strategic Position.

London, Feb. 22.—Indefinite reports of movements of troops in the vicinity of the Yalu river and statements of attempts to cut the Siberian railroad, are published this morning.

The Wel-Hai-Wel correspondent of the Times describes a visit to Chemulpo February 19, and the Japanese landing operations there, which he says demonstrated that the Japanese military organization is superior to that of any European power.

It is believed that while the sea power of Russia at Vladivostok is intact, the Japanese will not attempt to land on the eastern coast of Corea. As an evidence that Japan's intention is worthy of note, her cruisers are busy patrolling toward the northwest of Corea and she is not landing artillery at Chemulpo. Everything suggests an immediate dash for a strategic position in northern Corea, the correspondent concludes, and possibly the Russians are considerably further south than supposed.

GUNBOAT STAYS IN PORT.

Action of Chinese Officials Deemed Unfriendly by Japanese.

Gunboat—Fol war London, Feb. 22.—The correspondent at Tokio of Reuters Telegram Company, says he learns from a reliable source that the Russian minister to China, Paul Lessar, has successfully bribed Chinese officials, with the result that instructions given the Russian gunboat Mandjur to leave Shanghai were cancelled.

The Japanese government considers this to be a breach of Chinese neutrality and is taking steps in the matter.

FIRE ON JAP STEAMER.

Four Russian Warships Make Very Cowardly Attack

Nagasaki, Feb. 22.—In an interview, the captain of the Nakoura Maru says that on the morning of the 11th, four Russian warships were sighted at a distance of four miles. The warships signalled the Nakoura Maru to follow them and afterward signalled that all on board should leave the steamer in 15 minutes. In the meantime the warships opened fire on the steamer. The second signalling was intended to save the crew.

While the steamer was lowering her boats two men were wounded and fell into the sea. The remainder of the crew were taken on board the cruiser Gromob and provided with clothing. They were later transferred, on the 15th, to the steamer Stolberg after proceeding five miles, was stopped by Russians and detained until the 19th.

Vessel Probably Boyarin. New York, Feb. 22.—The small Russian cruiser reported destroyed in the above dispatch was probably the Boyarin, previously announced to have been blown up by a mine at Port Ar-

thur February 13, and which another account said ran on the rocks while endeavoring to pick up a number of mines which had been brought to the surface during a violent storm. It was stated in the St. Petersburg dispatch that the entire crew of the Boyarin, 193 in number, were lost.

Headquarters of Viceroy. Yinkow, Feb. 22.—Viceroy Alexieff and his full staff have just arrived at Harbin, where headquarters has been established.

Port's Approach Covered. New York, Feb. 22.—Heavy guns are being put in position on the coast about 10 miles from Odessa, covering the approach to the port, according to a Times dispatch from Warsaw. The correspondent points out that these preparations are being made in view of possible untoward happenings around the Black sea. The effects of the war in the far east upon the Balkan situation is the chief diplomatic topic in many European capitals.

PARTY EXCITES REMARK.

Company of Russians Embarked and Are Chased By Warships.

New York, Feb. 22.—Russian warships are reported between Japan and Corea, says a Tokio dispatch to the American. Transports carrying troops across are heavily convoyed in consequence.

The prefectural office has received a telegram from the chief magistrate of the island of Miyake, south of the gulf of Corea, reporting that 13 Russians debarked in a boat from a vessel in the gulf on the 11th. The subsequent movements of this mysterious party are not reported, but inquiry is under way. The crew of the Tamagawa Maru, which arrived at Shimonoseki Sunday, report that the ship was followed by four warships from a point seven miles off the harbor of Fusan until close to the island of Tsushima, where the chase was abandoned.

THE BLACK SEA FLEET.

Possibilities Are That Bottled up Vessels May Be Released.

New York, Feb. 22.—A dispatch to the Herald from St. Petersburg hazards the forecast that some morning the Russian Black sea fleet may be unexpectedly found in the Mediterranean, Turkey being assured that this once an accomplished fact not one of the powers would have a word to say in objection. Diplomatic negotiations toward this end are alleged to be progressing.

Such egress from the Black sea would release the big armored ships Kniazpotemkin and Tairiceski, 12,500 tons each; the Skaterina and the Cisma, 11,000 tons; the Sinope, 10,000 tons; the Trisviatitolla, 13,318 tons; the Georgi Poblednosoe, 12,000; the Dvievkazat Apostolov and the Restislav, about 9000 tons each; 10 torpedo catchers and about 20 torpedo boats—a force which would turn the vital question of the command of the sea in the far east in favor of Russia. Trans-Caucasian troops are being mobilized and ordered to occupy the frontier of Turkestan and Persia.

General McClellan's Brother.

Philadelphia, Feb. 22.—Major Arthur McClellan, brother of the late General George B. McClelland and uncle of the mayor of New York, died suddenly today at Drifton, Pa., aged 65.

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### RUSSIA HAS A HARD LUCK STORY

Complains That Japan Repeatedly Violates International Law In Method of Carrying on War.

Addresses Note to the Powers and Hopes for Their Earnest Interest in Matter.

NEUTRAL PORT IN DANGER

Claims That Japan Threatens to Attack Chemulpo If Russian Fleet Does Not Come Out to Be Antihiliated.

Washington, Feb. 22.—Russia is addressing to the powers a communication charging Japan with repeated violations of the laws of nations, first, in threatening to attack the neutral port of Chemulpo, Corea, unless the Russian ships within came out to face an overwhelming force, and, second, in attacking Port Arthur before war had been declared.

A diplomat whose government is inclined to sympathize with Russia, said that Russia did not expect other nations to pass on the attack at Port Arthur, but as to the threatened attack on Chemulpo this diplomat said the Russian government expected the powers, in the interest of law, would give the matter their earnest consideration.

CRUISER POSITIVELY LOST.

Statement Confirmed By Statement of German Captain.

Chefoo, Feb. 22.—The captain of the German steamer Pronto, just arrived here from Dalny, says positively that besides the torpedo gunboat Yenesel, accidentally destroyed by one of her own mines, the Russians have just lost another ship by accident on the 12th. This was a small cruiser whose name was not learned. In avoiding some mines she ran upon rocks from which she eventually slipped off into deeper water and sank. There was no loss of life attached to the casualty.

The Russian authorities insist that there is no truth in the story that a force of 1000 Japanese landed at Pigeon or Dove bay had been annihilated. Port Arthur is said to be entirely out of beef and vegetables and drawing upon Dalny for a slight supply. Troops are being rushed toward the Yalu with all haste possible.

The Pronto was sent from Port Arthur to Dalny for refugees, chiefly Japanese women. While leaving Port Arthur with all lights out she was fired upon by a Russian cruiser, 15 shots striking her upper works. It was subsequently explained that it was thought she was a Japanese torpedo boat. The entrance to Dalny is honeycombed with mines. Nothing was seen on the passage to this port of the Russian or Japanese fleets.

Clyde Bills, of Portland, spent Sunday in the city.