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## THE RUSSIAN FLEET ANNIHILATED OFF PORT ARTHUR

### SOLDIERS OF JAPAN ATTACK PORT ARTHUR

While Doing So Other Warships of the Mikado Are Busy Taking Captive Vessels of the Czar.

At the Yalu River Two Russian Ships Reported to Have Fallen Into the Hands of Japanese Cruisers Today—Army Is Landing.

### RUSSIA SUFFERS A DIREFUL CALAMITY

Four Battleships and Three Cruisers of the Czar's Navy Sunk by the Japanese—Latter Power Has Two Warships Damaged—Bloody Engagement.

London, Feb. 11, 6 p. m.—A dispatch to Reuter's from Tokio, dated 7:10 p. m. yesterday, says an unofficial report is current there that the Russian fleet has been destroyed, four battleships and three cruisers being sunk, and that two Japanese warships were damaged in a fearful engagement yesterday off Port Arthur, the Japanese getting between the Russians and the entrance to the harbor before the fight commenced.

### PORTLAND JAPANESE RAISE WAR FUNDS

Japan Holds Prisoners the Men of the War Vessels Sunk in the Fight at Chemulpo.

Great Menace to Russia Is the Balkan Outbreak Which Threatens—Japan Is Confident of Success if She Can Strike Quickly.

## NO TELLING WHEN OR WHERE WAR WILL END

Special Interview Given to the Hearst Papers by Captain Alfred T. Mahan and Printed Simultaneously in The Journal by Special Arrangement.

New York, Feb. 11.—Capt. Alfred T. Mahan said today: "About all that can be said now, in the light of present information in regard to the engagements off Port Arthur, is that while the Japanese have won the first battles, it does not settle anything. I would not care to express any further opinion until I have studied the strategic situation more carefully. The information we have received so far is meager and may be misleading. There are many points that I do not fully understand; an explanation of these obscure points may affect my opinion of the logical outcome of the naval battle. "To what points do you especially refer?" was asked. "Well," said he, "that Russian fleet had three torpedo boats out on guard. Still the Japanese were able to reach the fleet and do frightful work among it. I can't understand why some tor-

pedo boats were not detected, if the guard was established and maintained as the dispatches from the seat of engagement inform us. Of course, proper vigilance may not have been maintained, but that is something we should not talk about until we know it to be the fact. "Do you consider that the success of the Japanese torpedo boats demonstrates the utility of the torpedo boat as a practically irresistible agent of naval warfare?" "I don't think the present achievement can be said to be a thorough test, because I am not informed of all the circumstances. There arises the question of vigilance, about which everything still is uncertain. But as a general proposition, you may say for me that the torpedo boat is practically irresistible. By that I don't mean that several of them could steam into a fleet of hostile vessels upon the alert for their coming and empty their destruc-

tive tubes. But I do say that no matter how keen vigil is kept, some of these destroyers may get through the guard line and work havoc on the enemy. "Torpedo warfare—the operation of swift moving little engines of destruction—is, to my mind, very much like a duel with sharp swords and deadly intent between two masters of fence. One may represent the attacking torpedo fleet and the other the guard line, defending the torpedo boat destroyers. "They cut, they thrust and parry, returning again and again to the attack, and exhausting all their skill of maneuver and defense. But finally one of these swordsmen will find an opening. There is a quick lunge, a touch and—end. "This is torpedo warfare. Constant vigilance on one side, tenacity and persistence on the other. The advantage, if anything, is with the attacking party, who is always looking for that small opening to end the combat."

A war fund was started by the 300 Japanese of Portland at a meeting last night of the standing committee of the Portland-Japanese association. This fund will be sent to the island empire for the maintenance of troops. There is much desire among the local subjects of the mikado to return home for army service, and not to await a summons. Vice-Consul Alba received an offer this morning from a professional nurse now residing at Spokane tendering her services to his government. Mr. Alba says that not a day goes by without his receiving offers, either personally, or by mail, from Americans and others desirous of enlisting in the Japanese military service. These come from engineers, army or militia officers, and some from men willing to serve in the ranks. Mr. Alba said: "The Japanese government has established a rule which forbids the acceptance of services of volunteers in military or naval service from the citizens of other countries. I do not believe that this rule will be changed. It is natural that our people should feel very grateful for all these kindly offers, even though at present, at least, we cannot accept them. Whether the rule extends to the exclusion of the volunteer services from other nations of trained nurses, or a medical and surgical corps, I am not informed."

(Hearst Special Service.) London, Feb. 11.—A dispatch to the Central News from its Port Arthur correspondent today says that a report has just been received at Tien Tsin that the Russian steamers Nonni and Mukdon were captured off the mouth of the Yalu river by two Japanese cruisers. In the same dispatch the blowing up of the Manchuria bridge is confirmed. The correspondent says that the Japanese have given up their proposed occupancy of Port Arthur at this time and believe that better results will be obtained by waiting until the Russians are forced to come out and give battle. All day yesterday the Japanese attempted to land forces in the several bays, but they were unsuccessful, although protected by cruisers. It is reported that the Japanese will press the fight on Port Arthur if within three days the Russians do not come forth with their ships, as the Japanese will not risk a Russian reinforcement. Lloyd's Shanghai agent cables this afternoon that the report has been verified that Japanese warships sunk the Russian steamer Mongolia, bound from Shanghai to Dalny, and he adds that the three Russian warships damaged by torpedoes at Port Arthur have sunk. This dispatch corresponds with the verified report of the Central News correspondent.

### AT A MOMENT'S WORD A BATTLE MAY OCCUR

Special Cable Dispatch by Douglas Story, War Correspondent of the Hearst Newspapers. Published Simultaneously in The Journal by Special Arrangement. Chee Foo, Feb. 11.—A large body of Russian troops is assembled on the Yalu river to oppose the Japanese advance. There are 50,000 men there now and these will be augmented by 10,000 more before night. (Continued on Page Four.)

### RUSSIA MAY FIND HER HANDS TOO FULL

Paris, Feb. 11.—La Patrie today publishes a telegram from Bucharest that Bulgaria has commenced the mobilization of forces and all officers are ordered to hasten to their posts. Thirty million cartridges have been ordered from France, and war with Turkey is expected early in March. (Continued on Page Four.)

MAP GIVING BIRDSEYE VIEW OF THEATER OF WAR IN THE FAR EAST BETWEEN RUSSIA AND JAPAN



LOCATION OF WARSHIPS SHOWS STRATEGIC POINTS OF OPPOSING POWERS, BUT NOT THE EXACT DISPOSITION OF THE SQUADRONS AT PRESENT