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CONFIRMING REPORTS OF RUSSIA'S TROUBLES ARE PORT ARTHUR'S CAPTURE GROWING DAY BY DAY

Late Dispatch From Tien Tsin Substantiates the Japanese Victory Over the Russians in Third Battle.

Survivors of the Disabled Russian Vessels at Chemulpo Rescued and Taken Aboard of Foreign War Ships.

Washington, Feb. 12.—Late this afternoon a cable was received from Tien Tsin via London stating that the report of a Japanese victory at Port Arthur has been verified. The correspondent says that the Russian fleet at that port has practically been put out of action, although four vessels are known to have escaped.

PORT ARTHUR EASY GAME FOR JAPANESE

London, Feb. 12.—H. W. Wilson, in the Daily Mail, says: "It is to be assumed that by this time Admiral Togo has completed the first part of his program and driven to defeat what Russian ships are intact within the harbor of Port Arthur. His next step will be to inflict on the arsenal and dockyard damage equal to that he has inflicted on the Russian fleet."

FRANCE PREPARING

Toulon, France, Feb. 12.—Despite the denial of the French admiralty that a large force of war vessels may go east, preparations are being pushed night and day. One cruiser, two destroyers and one submarine boat are straggling. It is also reported that the warships St. Louis, Jaurguerry and Chanzy have received orders to sail for the Orient within a fortnight under command of Admiral Bayle.

Paris, Feb. 12.—According to information received here today, Admiral Stark, who commanded the Port Arthur fleet, has been recalled in punishment for his defeat. He will be succeeded by Admiral Svydloff, who has been in command of the Black sea fleet.

CHINA MAY JOIN JAPAN.

Returning Minister from St. Petersburg Gives Official Opinion. Berlin, Feb. 12.—Japanese Minister Kurino from St. Petersburg, arrived here and has given his official opinion that China will abandon her attitude of neutrality and join Japan immediately after the latter gains a decisive land battle.

WORST WEATHER IN 30 YEARS.

Boston, Feb. 12.—From Portland to Newport there is no open port. All ice bound, the worst climatic condition in 30 years.

ROMA, FEB. 12.—All Italian blue jacks.

PORTLAND MONEY FOR EASTERN WAR

Fifteen committees from the Portland Japanese association have been selected to solicit funds to aid in carrying on the war between Japan and Russia. C. Ban, a prominent Japanese contractor of Portland, is at the head of the war fund movement and has started the list by subscribing \$2,000.

ets on leave of absence have been ordered to prepare to rejoin their vessels. London, Feb. 12.—General Hamilton has gone to Japan to watch the fighting. Washington, Feb. 12.—The gunboat Wilmington has been ordered from Hong Kong to Chifu, where it will represent the United States until Rear-Admiral Evans' cruiser squadron arrives.

RUSSIAN SURVIVORS.

Men of the Disabled Ships of Chemulpo Are Being Protected. London, Feb. 12.—Minister Hayashi received a telegram from Tokio today saying that all survivors of the Russian cruisers Varieg and Korietz and the transport Hungaria, which were demolished at Chemulpo Tuesday, have been taken aboard British, French and Italian warships, which happened to be in the harbor at the time of the engagement.

Further reports say that four Japanese cruisers were disabled in the engagement yesterday and have been dispatched home for repairs. Their damage is not estimated.

GERMANY SAYS "NO."

Belligerents Cannot Pass Through Kiel Canal—Russia's Other Move. London, Feb. 12.—A dispatch to the Central News from Berlin says that the Russian fleet in the Baltic will go via Skagerrack straits into the North sea instead of by the Kiel canal. The correspondent asserts Germany hinted that the canal was not open to belligerents.

Chifu, Feb. 12.—The German cruiser Haussa has gone to Port Arthur to remove German women and children residents to places of safety.

THE RUSSIAN SIDE OF IT.

Naval Headquarters Staff at St. Petersburg Color Reports. St. Petersburg, Feb. 12.—Announcement is made by the naval headquarters staff that in the fight at Port Arthur six Japanese ships were slightly damaged and that 50 Japanese were killed and 150 wounded.

Yokohama, Feb. 12.—It is reported here that a great number of Russian warships at Port Arthur have already been disabled and that several Japanese warships have been sent home for repairs.

DARING BURGLARY.

Albany, N. Y., Feb. 12.—Burglars dynamited the safe of John Dugan in Albany in the insurance building in the heart of the business district last night and escaped with \$7,500.

WRECKING RUSSIAN VESSELS.

Special Interview Given to the Hearst Papers by Richard Pearson Hobson, and Printed Simultaneously in The Journal by Special Arrangement. Tuscaloosa, Ala., Feb. 12.—The damage to Russian warships by the torpedo attack is probably more serious than reported. The Czarevitch, from official reports, was bilged in the steering engine and boiler compartments. This doubtless flooded sections 14, 15 and 16. This vessel is of French construction and her form in this region is fine, so that any amount of water that rushed in first was probably not large, thus enabling the beaching of the vessel.

ANXIOUSLY AWAITING NEWS OF LATE JAPANESE VICTORY

London, Feb. 12, 6 p. m.—Another dispatch from Tien Tsin states that Port Arthur has fallen before the Japanese forces. No details are given of the final engagement that must have been bloody and annihilating. The report received late yesterday that the Russians lost seven war vessels in the fight yesterday is credited here, and it would seem that after such a marine victory the forces of the mikado would have little trouble in landing and taking the forts.

SENATOR MARK HANNA IS BELIEVED TO BE DYING

End of the Prominent Legislator, Politician and Commercial Giant Is Near—Physicians Using Every Means to Prolong Life Which Is Very Fast Ebbing.

(Journal Special Service.) Washington, Feb. 12.—Senator Marcus A. Hanna is believed to be dying at the Arlington hotel in this city. At 4:15 o'clock M. P. Hanna, the senator's brother, rushed out of the sick room and began sending telegrams to all relatives. The attendant summoned him excitedly back to the chamber, saying his counsel was needed.

JAPAN IS GIVEN CREDIT FOR HER SUPERIORITY

RUSSIAN VESSELS NEED MANY REPAIRS. compartments were flooded unless the pumps were efficiently worked which seems unlikely. Repairs to this ship would also require docking and ship good facilities, for two months at least. The Pelloda was struck also amidships, and I cannot help but believe that she sank at once, or if beached filled fore and aft shortly afterward. Only efficient wrecking appliances could raise this vessel within several weeks, when it would probably require four months or longer to complete her repairs with excellent drydock facilities at hand.

Revolt Against Turkey by Countries of the Balkan Peninsula Serious to the Sultan's Protector, the Czar.

Russia Bringing Her Fleet From the Baltic and Will Endeavor to Regain Her Lost Honors in the Far East.

Constantinople, Feb. 12.—Strenuous indeed are times here. Turkey and Bulgaria stand face to face and are ready for conflict. A warlike spirit has caused a decided movement at arms in both countries and the disturbances in the far east have aggravated the situation.

GERMAN SCORED.

English Papers Blame Kaiser for Aiding the Russians. London, Feb. 12.—The Russian Baltic squadron of 15 warships passed through Danish waters yesterday for the far east. The squadron passed through the Kaiser Wilhelm canal. Germany is severely scored in English papers for this alleged breach of neutrality.

CONVENTION TO MEET HERE ON APRIL 14

Republican State Central Committee Fixes the Date and Arranges the Apportionment—Recommends Holding Primaries April 2.

The Republican state convention will meet in Portland Thursday, April 14, at 11 a. m. This was decided this morning by the Republican state central committee at its first meeting since the last campaign. The convention will consist of 251 delegates, the basis of representation being one delegate for each 150 votes of fraction thereof in excess of 100 votes cast for Judge Bean of the supreme court at the last state election, with one delegate at large for each county. Multnomah county will have 299 votes or nearly one-fifth of the entire number. A resolution was adopted by the committee recommending that the Republican primaries be held throughout the state April 2 and the county conventions April 7.