

The weather: Tonight and Wednesday, partly cloudy, with showers; south to west winds.

HEAVY DETONATIONS OFF COAST OF LIAO TUNG LEAD TO BELIEF THAT RUSSIA HAS ATTACKED JAPANESE CONVOYS

Japanese Are Apparently Attempting to Land Forces for Investment of Niu Chwang.

Report That Port Arthur Has Fallen Is Untrue—Russian Trains Ordered to Distribute Food Along Trans-Siberian Railway.

(Special Cable to Hearst News Service.) London, March 22.—Advices received here from Niu Chwang state that heavy cannonading has been heard the last two days off the western coast of the Liao Tung peninsula, and it is believed that the Port Arthur fleet has made a dash out of the harbor to engage the Japanese warships which are guarding transports.

If a Muscovite invasion of Korea is attempted, Japan will endeavor to land an army by sea in the rear of the invaders. Having command of the sea, the Japanese will be enabled to choose the point of least resistance for their land advance. Their belief is, however, that the Russians will fall back into the interior of Manchuria, leaving the mikado's forces in full possession of the southern portion of the province.

TRAINS DISTRIBUTE FOOD TO SIBERIANS

(Journal Special Service.) St. Petersburg, March 22.—The government has ordered special trains to distribute the necessities of life along the trans-Siberian railway, thus putting a stop to the great rise in prices.

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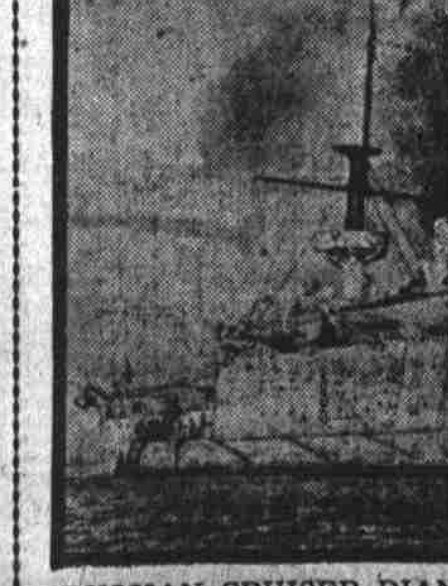
RUSSIANS LAND A THOUSAND MEN DAILY

(Journal Special Service.) Harbin, March 22.—In the last 40 days about 30,000 troops have arrived here. Four thousand were dispatched to Niu Chwang, Port Arthur and Mukden, and 2,000 to Vladivostok.

KOUROPATKIN GOES THROUGH IRKUTSK

(Journal Special Service.) Irkutsk, March 22.—General Kouropatkin arrived here last night and left for Lake Baikal this morning. His special train continues to have the right of way over the line.

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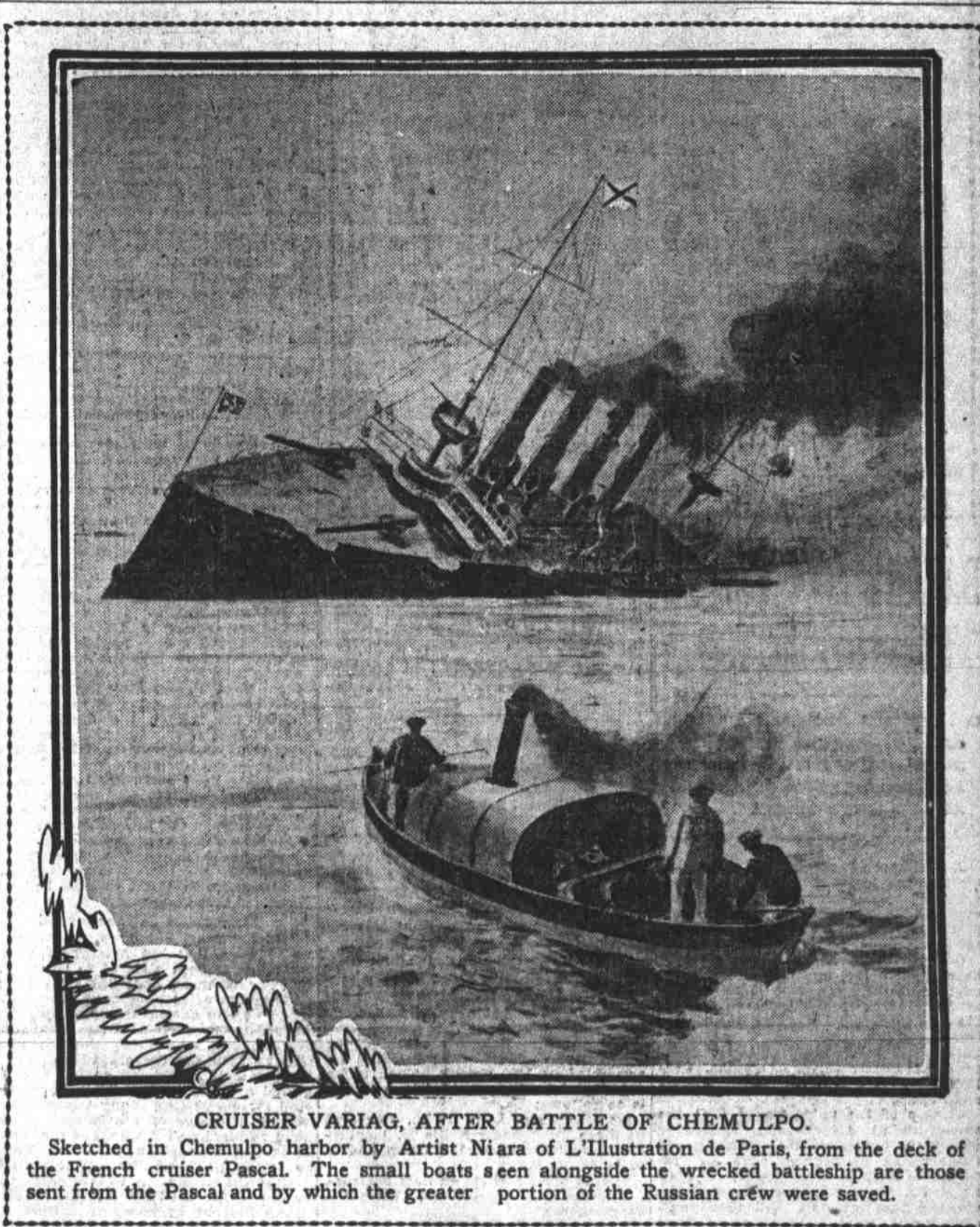
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CRUISER VARIAG, AFTER BATTLE OF CHEMULPO.

Sketched in Chemulpo harbor by Artist Niara of L'illustration de Paris, from the deck of the French cruiser Pascal. The small boats seen alongside the wrecked battleship are those sent from the Pascal and by which the greater portion of the Russian crew were saved.

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SHERRIFF FURIOUS AT STOTT'S NOMINATION RUNS AMUCK.

The storm in Sheriff Storey's office following his defeat for renomination by the local Republican machine, headed by "Jack" Matthews, is still raging.

THINKS WORLD MAY BE INVOLVED IN WAR

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) San Francisco, March 22.—Cornelius F. Davis, an American newspaper man, was among the arrivals on the Coptic last night.