

# PORT ARTHUR'S FATE IN DOUBT

Chefoo, Aug. 16.—A report has been received here that the Japanese bombardment of Port Arthur, which has progressed steadily for the past few days, has resulted in the silencing of the outer works around the town, and that the Russians are therefore driven to the last stronghold.

The report is without confirmation, and cannot be accepted until further advices are received.

Still another report has it that the Japanese made a strong advance yesterday, but were unable to hold the positions gained.

The remnants of the Port Arthur fleet, which gained the port and sallied out yesterday, were intercepted, according to advices received here, and retreated to the harbor.

A sortie was again made by the fleet this morning, but the Japanese vessels had withdrawn and were not encountered. The Russians, fearing a ruse, again retreated to their anchorage.

## FLEET IS HARASSED

Remnant of Russia's Navy After Sortie Retreats to Harbor.

## IS HEMMED IN BY TOGO

Conditions at Port Arthur Now Desperate—Russians Claim Japanese Are Concealing the Loss of a Warship.

(General Special Service.)  
London, Aug. 16.—At no time since the eastern war began has interest reached a greater height than today in the anxiety to learn the exact outcome of yesterday's operations. A special from Chefoo says it is reported there that the Russian fleet, after making a sortie from Port Arthur, was intercepted by Admiral Togo's fleet and compelled to return to the port, where it can hardly escape almost constant danger from the Japanese bombardments.

There has been no news received at Chefoo, according to the correspondent, to indicate whether a naval engagement followed the attempt of the Russians to escape, but it is believed probable that a brief battle was fought when the Russians, recognizing the hopelessness of either an attempt at flight or acceptance of the gage of conflict, retired to their shell-stormed anchorage. Despite the reports received yesterday from so many sources that a general attack had been made on Port Arthur, today's news contains no story in confirmation. If such an attack was made, it could be sought more than an exceptionally vigorous renewal of the operations that have been carried on for many days, wherein ceaseless bombardment and constant encroachment has rendered the position of the valiant defenders of the fortress an almost unbearable one.

Says Japanese Misrepresent.  
From Kiao Chow today came a dispatch which contained an interview with the officers of the Russian cruiser Carowitz, who declare emphatically that the Japanese are not giving out the full lists of their casualties. They assert that on Wednesday last, when the battle was waged that resulted in the scattering of the Port Arthur fleet, they saw a Japanese warship sink beneath the waves, while small boats from nearby members of the squadron rescued the struggling crew.

No mention has been made by the Japanese of a loss and hence it is presumed here that if a vessel was sunk it must have been one of minor importance. The movements and names of Japanese ships have been kept so carefully concealed by the Mikado's advisors that it is a matter of impossibility to gain any accurate knowledge of what vessels were engaged.

War experts here are inclined to the view that the reports of both warring sides have been fair, but admit that they

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## RUSSIA ISSUES HER PROTEST TO POWERS

(Journal Special Service.)  
London, Aug. 16.—Russia has taken action relative to the seizure of the Ryschitel, which will bring the matter before all the powers.

Russian Ambassador Benken-dorff this morning presented Minister Lansdowne with an official protest issued at St. Petersburg against what is termed "flagrant violation of international laws and the rules of neutrality by a Japanese torpedo boat destroyer at Chefoo."

The protest is in the form of a vigorous circular note to all the powers and it is presumed similar protests will be handed in at other capitals before the day is over.

Lansdowne accepted the protest and said that it would be given immediate and impartial attention. It has created something of a stir, as although it was expected that a note might issue, it was not believed that it would be given such general circulation.

## STEAMER IS CHARTERED

Harriman Line Will Send the Aztec Here August 25.

## WILL CARRY BIG LOAD

All Fear of Seizure by Russian Ships Ends and Shipments to the East Will Be Resumed by September 1.

This morning the Portland & Astoria company chartered the American steamship Aztec, one of the Pacific Mail liners, now lying at San Francisco, to carry freight between this city and Japan. Plans are being made to have the vessel here on August 25, and have her loaded with flour and ready for sailing by September 1.

Had not unlooked for complications arisen the deal for the vessel would have been consummated yesterday. There was a disposition on the part of the owners to wait a day or two to see if there would not soon be a big decline in war risk policies. But the local exporters were insistent upon having the matter attended to at once. They were anxious to have transportation for their freight during the present month. Many of them argued that since the decisive naval engagement in which the Russian squadrons were badly disabled and put to rout that commerce from the Pacific coast is no longer likely to be interfered with. R. F. Schwerin, general manager of the Harriman steamship line, undoubtedly entertains the same view. When asked for a statement of the situation after the charter had been effected he replied:

Schwerin's Views.  
"The fact that we are going to dispatch a steamer from Portland direct to Japan is sufficient evidence that we believe the danger point has about passed."  
"Will all the Harriman steamers begin at once to carry freight from the Pacific coast to Japan?" was asked.  
"I will shortly be in a position to give a definite answer to that question," he replied. "I have sent a cable to Japan to ascertain the true situation. So far my information as to the status of events in the orient is based largely upon newspaper reports. Immediately after a decision is reached to resume traffic both from Portland and San Francisco the public will be apprised."  
Without exception almost all of the local exporters are of the opinion that there will be no longer any risk assumed by sending flour or any other product for commercial purposes to the land of the Mikado. They explain that Russia's warships are no longer in condition to harass shipping. The statement is made that what few vessels remain flying the flag of the czar are badly scattered and undoubtedly seeking places of safety. One of the shippers this morning said:

Fear Russia No More.  
"It is no longer possible for the remnants of the two fleets to assemble at Port Arthur; their only place of refuge is Vladivostok. They have to have a base of supplies in order to make any show at all. In this respect it is highly probable that they will be unfortunately situated at the Siberian port. This is the only place in the entire country that they can get coal. From now on they do not dare to get too near the Japanese coast. It seems to me that the outlook for the Russian naval forces is about as gloomy as it could well be. Under these circumstances there is no reason why shipping should not be resumed all along the line with its old-time activity. I think there is no doubt that this decision will be reached very shortly."

War Rates Will Drop.  
Although the war rate insurance is still quoted high, the belief is freely expressed in well-informed circles that there will be a steady decline in the rates from now forward until they again reach the low-water mark. Today M. C. Harrison & Co. are quoting a rate of 2 1/4 per cent to Japan, 1 1/2 per cent to Hong Kong by way of Japan, and 1/2 per cent to Hong Kong direct. A representative of the company, however, admits that there is sure to be a big decline in these figures during the next few days.

The Aztec is owned and operated by the Pacific Mail Steamship company. In reality a vessel has not been chartered; the Harriman people are only sending a steamer to Portland to look after their own business. But they do

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## CREFFIELD REWARD WILL BE RETURNED

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)  
Corvallis, Or., Aug. 15.—The \$350 Creffield reward has been placed in the hands of Sheriff Burns, and the \$200 of this amount that was contributed by individuals will be returned to the donors on request.

The \$100 offered by Benton reverts to the county.

The cause of this is that O. V. Hurt, the father of the boy, Roy Hurt, who discovered the Holy Roller leader and caused his arrest, refuses positively to allow his son to accept the reward. Mr. Hurt today declared that to permit any of the members of his family to accept the reward would seem as though a hope of gain was all that influenced his actions in the matter. His position is being received with commendatory comment by those who have witnessed the strange chapters of the Holy Roller craze as they unfolded themselves and were brought to a finish in the capture of the leader.

## BURN TWO NEGROES

Statesboro Mob Overpowers Guards and Wreak Vengeance.

Savannah, Ga., Aug. 16.—(Bulletin)—3 o'clock p. m.—Advices just received here by telephone say the mob overpowered the guards and took Gato and Reid to stakes, where they are at this hour being burned.

Five negroes were also given a terrific rawhide lashing, and others warned to be more respectful to whites. Two of the negroes lashed may not recover from their wounds.

Savannah, Ga., Aug. 16.—(Bulletin)—1:30 o'clock p. m.—The last communication received from Statesboro was at 1:30 o'clock this afternoon. This was in the nature of a hurried telegram from the telegraph operator at that place, saying that the mob were pouring into his office and intended to seize him and cut off all communication. This abrupt ending of advices with the outside world was evidently carried out, as since that time no word has been received from that point.

Statesboro, Aug. 16.—This town is crowded with hundreds of determined men, who from all appearances are coolly hiding their time and making careful preparations for wreaking summary vengeance upon the negroes implicated in the confession made by one of their number, of being members of a gang, whose ultimate purpose was the robbery and murder of numerous victims.

Paul Reed and Will Gates were found guilty of the murder of the Hodges family today and received sentences of death. They are to be hanged September 9.

Read made a statement, in which he said that a negro preacher headed a gang numbering seven, who had planned the execution of wholesale murders. As soon as this became known an angry and excited mob surged about the courthouse and in many instances guns were wrested from the hands of the militiamen, who were on guard. For a time it looked as though all efforts would prove unavailing on the part of the officers to prevent an onslaught upon the jail, but finally the mob was calmed down, though by many it is thought the quietude is only the calm that precedes the storm.

State troops have been mobilized at Savannah and preparations made to rush them here at a moment's notice, and it is thought that an order has already been sent to that effect.

## JOSEPH JEFFERSON IS ON DEATH BED

(Journal Special Service.)  
Dugard's Bay, Mass., Aug. 15.—Joseph Jefferson, the veteran actor, famous as Rip Van Winkle, is dying at his summer home here. Old stomach trouble, coupled with general debility, is given as the cause. When the doctor called last night Jefferson said: "I am ready to go. Well Rip is nearly ready for his long sleep without an earthly awakening. Doctors hold out no hope for his recovery."



THE GIANT AND THE DWARF.

## YAQUIS HOLD ENTIRE DISTRICT IN TERROR

(Journal Special Service.)  
Guaymas, Mex., Aug. 16.—Terrorized by the boldness and cunning, the cruelty and swiftness of the Yaqui Indians and appalled at the outrages perpetrated within the last few weeks and days, the entire district north of this port is now in a state of turmoil.

All trains and stages leaving Guaymas today are accompanied by military escorts. Detachments of soldiers are constantly arriving with Yaquis who have been captured and will be deported. Everywhere the city presents a war-like appearance.

The last killing was reported last night and was that of Crescencio Mavorena, a trader, who was ambushed near Botomatal. The Yaquis shot him down, cut out his heart and plundered his wagons.

The party which set out from San Jose de Guaymas in pursuit of the slayers of Mavorena overtook them at Agulla ranch, where a dozen members of the band had just been driven back by the proprietor and his vaqueros. The Indians were surrounded and Ojo Blanco, or White Eye, a famous old desperado, and 11 of his followers captured after a hard fight.

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## HEREROS SLAUGHTER THE GERMANS

(Journal Special Service.)  
Berlin, Aug. 16.—All Germany is stirred to fever heat by the report made public today by the war office of a battle between the German forces, under command of General Von Throtha and the rebel Hereros in southwest Africa, in which the German casualties are reported as 24 killed and 41 wounded.

General Von Throtha's report says that on the morning of August 11, a battle between his force and the rebels began, and was continued throughout the day and night, and August 12 was resumed with redoubled vigor. On the afternoon of the latter date the rebels were driven back and the town of Hamakari captured and occupied by the German troops.

The losses to both sides were exceedingly heavy, several officers being included among the killed and wounded of the German forces.

The extreme heat, coupled with the continued long duration of the battle, proved a considerable source of disaster to the Germans, many of whom were affected and had to be carried to the rear, thus seriously crippling the force of General Throtha, but at a time when every available man was needed to repel the savage onslaughts of the rebels, who several times during the two days had almost succeeded in overrunning the German forces.

According to the report the German army is making a short stop at the captured town of Hamakari, probably to allow the men to recuperate after their "terrible two days' struggle." The rebel chiefs are said to be hurrying together all the available men they can secure from neighboring districts, and it is evident that an attempt will be made to annihilate General Von Throtha's men with an overwhelming army of savages, which, if successful, will mean the complete extermination of every foreigner in the district, as it is well understood that no quarter will be given.

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