

JAPANESE ATTACKING KOREAN PORT OF WIJU

Six Battleships Seen and Heavy Cannonading Is Heard

A REPORT FROM TOKIO

Says Three Russian Cruisers Were Torpedoed and Sunk in the Straits

Report is Discredited and Regarded as "Too Good To Be True."

CHEEFOO, Feb. 14.—A steamer arriving here from Port Arthur reports heavy firing heard in the straits of Pe Chilli at midnight.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 14.—(10:20 a. m.)—An official cablegram received here from Port Arthur dated February 13, says the lights of the enemy's ships were seen off Inkaou on the evening of the 11th. It says further advice reached Port Arthur February 12 that six Japanese battleships had appeared in the roadstead of Tatung King (on the estuary of the Yalu river and opposite the Korean port of Wiju), and the booming of cannon had been heard.

Report Not Credited. London, Feb. 13.—The report originating with a Japanese firm having correspondents in Tokio was circulated in London tonight to the effect that three Russian cruisers, presumably the Vladivostok squadron, had been torpedoed in the straits of Tsugaro yesterday. The straits of Tsugaro are between the island of Hokkaido, the northern end of three Japanese islands and Nippon, Central Hokkaido is on the northern side of the strait. The Japanese legation has heard nothing confirmatory of this report, though it has come to it from several sources. The legation officials received the report with reserve, it being considered "too good to be true."

The Japanese have a strong naval base at Kotomari, at the northern end of Nippon, and on the south side of the strait, and it is considered possible, should the Vladivostok squadron attempt to harass the coast about Hako-

under instructions from the French governments to inform him France accepted the invitation of the United States to express to Russia and Japan the hope that the neutrality of China and other administrative entity will be respected.

Although Russia has not made formal answer it is learned she has decided to accept. Russia's decision to acquiesce was reached after a consultation with several European powers. It is understood M. Delcasse brought strong pressure to bear at St. Petersburg in support of the note and Ambassador Foster, at Paris, was the most active in obtaining France's approval.

Damage Only Slight. Washington, Feb. 13.—The Japanese minister tonight received a cablegram from his government officially denying the report that four Japanese torpedo boats had been sunk in the Port Arthur attack. The cablegram added the Japanese ships had only incurred slight damage. It is believed the Japanese fleet has gone to Sasebo for repairs. The Japanese officials here show little concern over the reports that the Vladivostok cruiser squadron would harass the coast of Northern Japan. It is said Kure and Hokadai are adequately fortified.

School Children Patriotic. St. Petersburg, Feb. 13.—The war fever which has been aroused all over European Russia in a single week is remarkable. Such patriotic demonstration as have been witnessed in St. Petersburg since the hostilities began have been all the more astonishing because of the public indifference, almost up to the hour when Japan struck the first blow, but like a flash the whole population seemed to have been lashed into a fury by defeat and is prepared to fight to bitter end. The demonstrations have been almost continuous for three days. Some of them extraordinary in character. Today school boys numbering thousands marched bare headed for hours up and down Nevsky Prospect, bearing flags, shouting and singing patriotic airs.

Published False Reports. St. Petersburg, Feb. 13.—It is officially announced tonight that Viceroy Alexieff today telegraphed the Czar that he had been no longer in the far Eastern situation within the last few days. The Russ, which today published a story of the destruction of four Japanese cruisers and six transports by the Russian Vladivostok squadron will be penalized by the authorities for publishing false news.

Victory for Secretary Hay. Washington, Feb. 13.—Secretary Hay has added another to his long list of diplomatic triumphs and the United States is once more enabled by his diplomacy to head the nations in a concurrent effort to preserve the integrity of China. Hay's note of February 10 to Russia and Japan urging them to confine the hostilities within as small an area as possible and to respect the neutrality and administrative entity of China, will be accepted by Russia as well as Japan and all nations will join the Washington government in inviting the combatants to agree to the proposition. Dr. J. J. Janssen, the French Ambassador, called upon Secretary Hay today

Thanking you in advance for an early reply, I am, very truly yours, T. M. JEFFREY. P. S.—Please give my address to some good, reliable land agent, and oblige.

From Far Nebraska. Another late communication received is from Mr. G. W. Dostater, of Panama, Lancaster county, Nebraska. Read what he says: "Dear Sir: In some way not known to myself, I have received a copy of your daily, also a copy of the Daily Oregon Statesman's Illustrated Annual. I must say I am truly grateful to you for these, and more than this, I am interested in all reading matter that I can get, as I expect some day to visit your state, and I believe, from what information I am able to gain, that about Salem would suit me. I intended to come last fall, but unforeseen obstacles prevented, but not discouraged me. I would like such information as you have, if you have such, and that will better post me on Oregon. Yesterday I sent me on a thermometer stood at 40 degrees above; this morning 2 above zero. I can't stand these changes as well as I used to and want a change."

In compliance with Mr. Dostater's request copies of the Daily, Semi-Weekly and the Pacific Homestead have been forwarded him. A TOURING CAR. George Graves, the Commercial Traveler, Will Have An Outfit Out of Sight. (From Sunday's Daily.) George Graves, who used an automobile runabout in his trips last summer in the valley hereabout, has just ordered from the local agent, F. A. Wiggins, an elegant new White steam touring car of the latest type, for immediate delivery from the factory in through car to Fort Laramie in the White factory at Cleveland, and is creating more enthusiasm and interest among automobile purchasers today than any other American car, chiefly on account of its unique steam generator, which is a marvel of ingenuity, power and reliability. The engine will develop as much as fifty horse power. The body of the car is made of aluminum, and will be a rival to the upholstering of leather to match. It will be fitted with canopy top, with glass front, and side curtains. There will be individual seats for five persons. The car will be fitted with side baskets for storage, two acetylene headlights, two oil headlights, and a rear light, the cost complete being \$2,500. "George will now have more friends than ever, and it is safe to say that he will be the most popular man in all Salem. The reporter sincerely hopes he will not be overlooked when the rides are being passed around."

And He Proposed. He—They say a girl cannot keep a secret. She—If you knew what was in my heart you would not say so.—Butte Inter-Mountain.

MORE INQUIRIES

MANY PEOPLE IN THE EAST WHO WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT OREGON.

They Have Read Special Editions of the Statesman and Want More Specific Information Covering Their Respective Needs—Two Specimens of Letters.

(From Sunday's Daily.)

The Statesman is receiving a great many letters these days from people throughout the East who have received copies of the Harvest Edition of October 1 and of the New Year Edition of January 1, last. They want to know more about the country. It is rather a delicate matter to give specific advice, and the Statesman does not care to do it. Ninety-nine people out of a hundred who will come here from the regions that are frozen up in the winter and cooked in the summer will be pleased with the change. The other one, however, will regret the change, and blame it upon the paper. The Statesman is not in the real estate business, but those who have the privilege of writing to Mr. Jeffrey, whose communication appears below, and accommodating him, if possible. The Statesman would say, however, that the matter in the Harvest Edition and the New Year Edition was based upon fact and experience, also that while the Willamette river is not very good for fishing, here at or near Salem, its tributaries and upper branches are also that the mosquitoes are not bad here. Following is the letter referred to: Wayneville, Ill., Feb. 8, 1904. Editor Statesman: Through the kindness of some one, I received through the mail a copy of your Illustrated Annual, which I have read with much interest. I have long wanted to move to Oregon, but have failed so far to convince my family that it would be best for them. I am now 71 years old and am comfortably fixed, but land has got out of reach of my children, and that is why I want to make the change, and you seem to be the proper one to ask for further information in regard to the price of land, cultivation. I want to buy an improved place, say from 20 to 30 acres; prefer good hop land. Also the price of wild land that will produce good crops that grow in your country, and the general lay of the country and nature of the soil. I take it for granted that you have published in your annual a strictly reliable, with no desire to overdraw the essential facts. I have lived here in this county for sixty-eight years, and this has been one of the coldest winters I have ever experienced. I have bronchial asthma, and the winters have become too harsh for me, and I want a more congenial climate. How is the Willamette river for fishing, and are the mosquitoes bad?

A DANGEROUS INJURY.

Mrs. S. Friedman Is Suffering From a Fractured Hip as the Result of a Fall.

Last Thursday evening Mrs. S. Friedman who resides in the Levy house on Front street, fell while attempting to walk across the floor and suffered a fractured hip, which is proving a very painful as well as serious injury. Mrs. Friedman has been ailing for some time and is very weak, hence her fall in attempting to walk across the floor without assistance. Dr. E. A. Pierce was called and is doing all in his power to hasten the recovery of the patient. Inquiry at the residence last evening brought the information that Mrs. Friedman was resting easily, and was doing as well as could be expected.

Mysterious Circumstances.

One was pale and sallow and the other fresh and rosy. Whence the difference? She who is blushing with health uses Dr. King's New Life Pills to maintain it. By gently arousing the lazy organs they compel good digestion and head off constipation. Try them. Only 25c at D. J. Fry's, drug gist.

BLAME IS FIXED

RESPONSIBILITY OF CLALLAM DISASTER LAID AT DOOR OF THE ENGINEER.

He Is Charged With Neglect and Incompetency and His License Revoked While Captain Roberts Is Severely Censured and His License Revoked For One Year—Tug Captains Praised

SEATTLE, Feb. 13.—The decision of the marine board of inquiry, which sat upon the Clallam disaster case, handed down today, lays the chief blame for the disaster upon Chief Engineer Delaunay, charging him with neglect and incompetency. Captain Roberts is censured for not having an officer of the ship in the second and third boats that were launched, and for giving explicit orders to the captain of the Holyoke to take the ship to the nearest shelter. The officers of the tug boats Holyoke and Sea Lion are highly complimented for their share in the work of rescuing the passengers. Delaunay's license is revoked and the license of Captain Roberts is suspended for one year. The decision is signed by Bion B. Whitney, inspector of hulls, and R. A. Turner, inspector of boilers.

DEEDS RECORDED. (From Sunday's Daily.) The realty transfers filed for record in the Marion county recorder's office yesterday aggregated the consideration of \$270. The total consideration of the deed filed during the week was \$31,980. The transfers filed yesterday were as follows: B. A. Jones et ux, to W. S. A. Massey, 45 acres in T 6 S, R 2 W, W 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 4/4, 5/4, 6/4, 7/4, 8/4, 9/4, 10/4, 11/4, 12/4, 13/4, 14/4, 15/4, 16/4, 17/4, 18/4, 19/4, 20/4, 21/4, 22/4, 23/4, 24/4, 25/4, 26/4, 27/4, 28/4, 29/4, 30/4, 31/4, 32/4, 33/4, 34/4, 35/4, 36/4, 37/4, 38/4, 39/4, 40/4, 41/4, 42/4, 43/4, 44/4, 45/4, 46/4, 47/4, 48/4, 49/4, 50/4, 51/4, 52/4, 53/4, 54/4, 55/4, 56/4, 57/4, 58/4, 59/4, 60/4, 61/4, 62/4, 63/4, 64/4, 65/4, 66/4, 67/4, 68/4, 69/4, 70/4, 71/4, 72/4, 73/4, 74/4, 75/4, 76/4, 77/4, 78/4, 79/4, 80/4, 81/4, 82/4, 83/4, 84/4, 85/4, 86/4, 87/4, 88/4, 89/4, 90/4, 91/4, 92/4, 93/4, 94/4, 95/4, 96/4, 97/4, 98/4, 99/4, 100/4, 101/4, 102/4, 103/4, 104/4, 105/4, 106/4, 107/4, 108/4, 109/4, 110/4, 111/4, 112/4, 113/4, 114/4, 115/4, 116/4, 117/4, 118/4, 119/4, 120/4, 121/4, 122/4, 123/4, 124/4, 125/4, 126/4, 127/4, 128/4, 129/4, 130/4, 131/4, 132/4, 133/4, 134/4, 135/4, 136/4, 137/4, 138/4, 139/4, 140/4, 141/4, 142/4, 143/4, 144/4, 145/4, 146/4, 147/4, 148/4, 149/4, 150/4, 151/4, 152/4, 153/4, 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THE PATIENT RESPONDED NOBLY TO THE TREATMENT AND THE EXTREME HIGH TENSION IN THE FAMILY CIRCLE HAS BEEN BELIEVED—MRS. HANNA TOOK A SHORT DRIVE IN AFTERNOON.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—Despite the critical condition of Senator Hanna the feeling of despondency which last night pervaded the sick chamber gave way to one of restored hope. Along during the day the attending physicians, noting the manner in which the patient responded to treatment, gave it as their belief that he had a "fighting chance."

The tension under which the immediate members of the family have been since 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon, when the sinking spell came on, was noticeably relieved tonight, and the Senator's brother, his son Dan, and others of the household, spent some time in the lobby of the hotel. Indeed, his condition was such this afternoon, that Mrs. Hanna was able to take a short drive.

Thousands Have Kidney Trouble and Don't Know It. How To Find Out. Fill a bottle or common glass with your water and let it stand twenty-four hours; a sediment or settling indicates an unhealthy condition. If it stands yellow, it is evidence of kidney trouble; too frequent desire to pass water while on the back is also convincing proof that the kidneys and bladder are out of order.

What To Do. There is comfort in the knowledge so often expressed that Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great kidney remedy, fulfills every wish in curing rheumatism, pain in the back, kidneys, liver, bladder and every part of the urinary passage. It corrects inability to hold water and scalding pain in passing urine or bed effects following use of liquor, wine or beer, and overcomes that unpleasant necessity of being compelled to go often during the day, and to get up several times during the night. The mild and the extraordinary effect of Swamp-Root is soon realized. It stands the highest for its wonderful cures of the most distressing cases. If you need a medicine, you should have the best. Sold by druggists in 50c and \$1 sizes. You may have a simple bottle of this wonderful discovery and a book that tells more about it both sent absolutely free by mail. Address Dr. Kilmer, 501 Broadway, New York, N. Y. Write for information reading this generous offer in this paper. Don't make any mistake, but remember the name, Swamp-Root, Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, and the address, Binghamton, N. Y. 90c a bottle.

GRAND SOCIAL EVENT. Salem Woman's Club Will Give Social to Benefit Public School. (From Sunday's Daily.) The Salem Woman's Club held their regular meeting in the parlors of the Presbyterian church yesterday afternoon.

The ladies of the club will give a social at the residence of Mrs. R. A. Moore, Thursday p. m., February 18. An admission will be charged, the proceeds to be used to furnish a room in the high school. An excellent program and refreshments will be among the attractive features of the afternoon. The following committees were appointed: Invitation committee, Mrs. W. Prescott, Mrs. C. L. Hamilton, Mrs. W. Wiggins, Mrs. Frances Smith, Miss Jennette Meredith; Program—Mrs. J. H. Brooks, Miss Cox and Mrs. W. C. Smith.

Refreshments—Mrs. Florence Irwin, Mrs. C. D. Sutherland, Mrs. J. A. Morrison, Mrs. R. J. Hendricks. Serving—Mrs. O. L. Hamilton, Mrs. Dawson, Miss Calbreath, Mrs. J. R. Whitney, Mrs. J. G. Graham, Mrs. Powell.

Dr. M. M. Staples addressed the club on "Bacteriology." This was very instructive and was highly appreciated.

ONE OFFICER IS DROWNED

BUT DETAILS OF WRECK OF FULTON NOT OBTAINABLE.

TELEPHONE WIRES DOWN. Lumber Laden Steamer Went Ashore Off Port Orford, Oregon Coast.

Traveling Man Brings Out News That The Vessel Is a Total Wreck—Steamer Ties Ashore on Ariel Island—Passengers in Quarantine on Account of Small Pox.

MARSHFIELD, Or., Feb. 13.—The telephone line is down between here and Port Orford, the scene of the wreck of the lumber-laden steamer Fulton which went ashore yesterday while on the way from the Columbia river to San Francisco. A traveling man who arrived here this evening says the Fulton is a total wreck. He adds that when the crew was forced to leave the craft, one of the officers—he was unable to learn whether the first or second—was drowned.

Vessel Probably Lost. Victoria, B. C., Feb. 13.—The steamer Tees, from Northern British Columbia ports to Victoria, went ashore on Trial island this morning at 3:30, and is fast on ground. Owing to there being a case of small pox aboard, all the passengers have been taken to William head quarantine station. All efforts to pull off the steamer have