

PORT ARTHUR TAKEN

Unofficial Report of a Great Japanese Victory

The Russian Admiral Who Suffered the First Defeat Retired

WAR!

Japanese Marines Were Repulsed by the Russians

The German Ship Canal Is Ordered Closed to the Russians

NAVIES OF ALL THE NATIONS RUSHING TO THE ORIENT

London, Feb. 12.—An unofficial report is circulating here this morning that the Japanese have taken Port Arthur.

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

Japs Expect Help from China.
Berlin, Feb. 12.—The Japanese minister, Jurino, of St. Petersburg, has arrived here, and has given it as his opinion that China will abandon her attitude of neutrality, and join Japan immediately after the latter gains a decisive land battle.

Japs Suffered a Repulse.
Paris, Feb. 12.—An official dispatch from Dainy confirms the cable advice that the Japanese marines attempted to land there Wednesday, and suffered a repulse by the Russians.

German Ship Canal Closed.
London, Feb. 12.—A dispatch to the Central News bureau of Berlin says the Russian fleet in the Baltic sea will go via Skagerrack straits, into the North Sea, instead of by the Kiel canal. The correspondent asserts

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that Germany has hinted that the canal is not open to belligerents.

Berlin, Feb. 12.—Officially, Germany disclaims knowledge of the impending passage of the Russian Baltic fleet through the Kaiser Wilhelm canal.

Germans Out of Port Arthur.
Chee Foo, Feb. 12.—The German cruiser Hansa has gone to Port Arthur to remove the German women and children, who are residents, to a place of safety.

American Gunboat Goes.
Washington, Feb. 12.—The gunboat Washington has been ordered from Hong Kong to Chee Foo, where she will represent the United States until Evans, with his cruiser squadron, arrives.

French Navy Getting Ready.
Toulon, France, Feb. 12.—Despite denials of the French admiralty, a large force of vessels may go East. Preparations are being rushed night and day. One cruiser, two destroyers and one submarine are arming. It is also reported that the warships St. Louis, Janregulterry and Chanzy have received orders to sail for the Orient within a fortnight, under command of Admiral Bayle.

English General Goes East.
London, Feb. 12.—There is the greatest excitement since the South African war in the army and naval circles. General Hamilton has gone to Japan to watch the fighting.

Italian Navy Active.
Rome, Feb. 12.—All Italian blue-jackets on leave of absence have been ordered to prepare to rejoin their vessels.

Torpedo Boat Disabled.
Port Arthur, Feb. 12.—The Russian torpedo boat No. 222, bound for the Far

East, has broken down here, and is disabled.

Russia Needs Finances.
Constantinople, Feb. 12.—The Russian ambassador, ever since the war broke out, has been pressing so hard for payment of the war indemnity due Russia by Turkey that the sultan has issued an irade informing the commission, under the presidency of the grand visir, to consider means of raising \$7,500,000.

Russia's Internal Foes.
St. Petersburg, Feb. 12.—A dispatch from Khartisa, Manchuria, says trade has been entirely suspended, owing to depredations by bandits who are harassing the Russians.

Two Austrian Cruisers.
Vienna, Feb. 12.—The Austrian cruiser Ashern has been ordered to Japanese waters, where it will be joined by the cruiser Kaiserin Elizabeth.

Russia Blames American Bankers.
Vienna, Feb. 12.—The Allgemine Zeitung, a diplomatically connected

newspaper, states that it learns that the belief prevails in St. Petersburg that the Mikado only resolved on war after promises of financial support from the United States. The paper states that the most violent anti-American sentiment is expressed in St. Petersburg, as a consequence of these reports.

Serious Business at Port Arthur.
Yokohama, Feb. 12.—A great number of the Russian warships at Port Arthur have already been disabled. Several Japanese warships were sent home for repairs.

Russian Cruisers Probably Sunk.
Shanghai, Feb. 12.—At 2 a. m. there are reports here that three Russian cruisers were sunk, and the Russian bank building destroyed by the bombardment of Port Arthur, which continues.

Japanese Losses at Port Arthur.
St. Petersburg, Feb. 12.—The announcement is made by the naval headquarters staff that in the fight at Port Arthur six Japanese ships were

slightly damaged, 50 Japanese killed and 150 wounded.

Conflicting War News.
London, Feb. 12.—Advice from Shanghai says the bombardment of Port Arthur is still in progress. There is no word as to the outcome, which is awaited with anxiety. A great mass of conflicting reports of losses to both sides is constantly received, some of which are palpably absurd. Lack of definite information is particularly noticeable. This is accounted for by several who assert that the Japanese vessels are, in all probability, spread along the coast of Corea, covering the movements of troops throughout the Korean peninsula, and gathering toward the north, where the first stiff encounter with the Russians is expected. There is always a possibility, too, that, owing to the difficulty of transmitting news, information from the opposing flotillas has been held up. Shanghai is most prolific in reports, which are generally foundationless. One report, earlier than the above, says Port Arthur has fallen before the Japanese onslaught. It gave alleged details, stating that a number of Russian cruisers and battleships were demolished, and the remainder put to flight. The report is generally discredited among the well-informed,

as it seems hardly possible that Port Arthur can be overcome in such a short time. A later report is that a steady bombardment seems more probable. Another report, emanating from Tien Tsin, says Hakodate, the most northerly of the Japanese islands was shelled by the Russian fleet. This is also disbelieved, as it is known that a strong Japanese fleet is posted near there.

BATTLE IN SAN DOMINGO

Washington, Feb. 12.—Powell, American minister to San Domingo, cables the department of state that a fierce battle is reported at Sanchez, with many killed. French and Spanish cruisers have gone to the Puerto Plata railway to report.

Albany, Feb. 12.—Burglars dynamited the safe of John Dugan in the Albany insurance building, in the heart of the business district, last night, and escaped with \$7800.

MARK HANNA FAILING FAST

His Physicians Announce That He Is in Great Danger

CONDITION REPORTED THOSE USUAL WITH DYING MAN

The Old Man in a Hard Row of Stumps and Showing Great Spirit to the Last

Washington, Feb. 12.—Although the statement is made that Hanna passed a fair night, his condition is admitted to be serious, and now believed to be in a crisis.

At 10 o'clock this morning his physicians made public the following: Hanna passed a comfortable night, but his fever is higher—104. His pulse is more rapid, 112, respiration 28, irritability disappearing. His physicians were interviewed afterwards, and said the senator was conscious, and there was nothing alarming. They believe the turning point of his illness is within 48 hours. If the fever breaks before Sunday the chances of recovery are much better, but if the high temperature continues beyond Sunday it is very unlikely, in his debilitated condition, that he would be able to survive. They say he is greatly weakened; can't speak above a whisper; raises his hands feebly; is aroused from apathy only by baths. He was given an ice bath, which

caused his resentment. Stimulants to give artificial strength are now given regularly. The bulletin created universal concern in official and diplomatic circles.

Dan Hanna has been called from Cleveland to his father's bedside.

Hanna is resting quietly; temperature 101.9, pulse 108, respiration 29. He continues to retain all nourishment given. No complications. Signed Rixey, Carter.

Although hope has not been entirely abandoned by those who are in attendance, the opinion prevails pretty generally that he won't recover. It is generally admitted today to be typhoid fever in the most severe form, and death might occur at any time. Saline injection are continued. For the past two days strychnine has been given to strengthen the heart action. The dose today was one-thirtieth of a grain. Cleveland, Feb. 12.—Dan Hanna left for Washington at noon, and the en-

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