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RETURNED, HOWEVER, WITHOUT FIGHT BATTERED HARBOR

Useless Sortie Yesterday Morning Taken to Indicate That Japs Have Secured More Important Land Positions.

URGED TO SURRENDER. LONDON, AUG. 17.—A DESPATCH FROM THE CENTRAL NEWS FROM TOKYO SAYS THAT A BIG OIL WAREHOUSE AT PORT ARTHUR IS BLAZING FURIOUSLY AND THAT THE POSITION OF THE BESIEGED IS SUCH THAT THE JAPANESE ARE URGING THEM TO SURRENDER.

COMPULSED TO LEAVE. Chief, Aug. 16.—(9.30 p.m.)—Today's sortie of the Russian warships from Port Arthur is regarded as a continuation of the previous ones, and that the Japanese have occupied an important land position, the fire from which compelled the Russian vessels to leave the harbor.

JAP LOSSES LIGHT. Tokyo, Aug. 17.—According to an official report the Japanese losses in the battle between Vice-Admiral Kamimura's squadron and the Russian cruiser Rurik were 18 officers and 100 men killed or wounded.

PALLADA SUNK. Tokyo, Aug. 16.—It seems certain that the Russian protected cruiser Pallada was destroyed and sunk during the night of Aug. 16. She failed to return to Port Arthur, and has not been reported since. Admiral Togo's fleet departed on various missions the night of Aug. 16, when the Russian fleet was destroyed.

ALEXIEFF ARRIVES. Vladivostok, Aug. 16.—Viceroy Alexieff arrived here yesterday. He was received at the railway station by Admiral Skrydlov, Russian Secretary of the maritime province, and other notable persons.

BRITISH PROTEST DELIVERED. St. Petersburg, Aug. 16.—The formal protest against the treatment of neutral ships was delivered to the Russian government today. It follows the lines of the protest which Lord Lansdowne and Premier Balfour's recent statements on the subject in parliament.

WHAT MAY BE. London, Aug. 16.—From a diplomatic source it is learned today that England is taking a firm and uncompromising attitude towards the action of the Russian warships in sinking the steamer Knight Commander.

GERMANS WILL FIRE. Tsingtau, Aug. 16.—A Japanese destroyer entered the harbor of Tsingtau today having on board the Japanese Vice-Admiral Dewa and his staff, for the purpose of calling on the governor of the province.

KAMIMURA REPORT. Tokyo, Aug. 15.—(Delayed in transmission)—Admiral Kamimura in his detailed report of last Sunday's victory of the Vladivostok squadron says: "At dawn Sunday morning the armored cruisers Idzumo, Capt. Iijima, the Asakuma, Capt. Kuroki, the Tokitsukasa, Capt. Yamamoto, the Iwate, Capt. Taketomi, which engaged in a search for the Russian fleet, were ordered to the Vladivostok squadron steaming southward. Seeing us, the enemy endeavored to flee, but we pursued them and immediately closed their retreat. The engagement opened at 5.23 a.m.

Our fleet thus had the advantage of pouring its fire from a formation in the shape of a letter 'T'. The enemy's ships were seen to be on fire several times, showing thereby that they were heavily damaged. The Rurik was finally disabled and her fire weakened. She began lowering in the morning her ensign and the Russian flag. The Rurik, our squadron pursued the enemy's vessels, was constantly left behind, and she formed a target for our incessant fire. The Rurik and the Gromobol gallantly attempted several times to protect the Rurik. They frequently returned to the Rurik, and, when united, the three advanced together.

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NOVICK SIGHTED. London, Aug. 17.—The Tokohona correspondent of The Daily Mail says the cruiser Novik of the Port Arthur fleet has been sighted off the Strait of Van Diemen, steering for Vladivostok.

St. Petersburg says a naval officer has telegraphed to his family that the Russian ship Diana has arrived at Vladivostok.

The Progress of Public Ownership

PORT ARTHUR'S SUCCESS WITH PUBLIC OWNERSHIP

Expect a Profit of \$25,000 This Year From Its Franchises.

Find a Port Arthur man on a trip to other parts and you'll find the advertisement for the town imaginable. With him it's Port Arthur first, last and always. "The Glasgow of Canada" is the appellation the citizens have self-applied, but this is in connection with the public ownership.

But figures don't lie and already other places are quoting the success of his town as reason for following suit. The construction account was for nearly two years and would be \$200,000 less next year. The interest on debentures would also be \$80,000 less, and the oil had been made out of current revenue.

How It is Done. The growth of the municipal phone system of Port Arthur is a story of success in public ownership.

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MILE OF PHONE POLES RIDDLED BY LIGHTNING RAIL BREAKS MUCH GLASS

Family at Streetsville Dazed by a Shock and Barn Struck at York Mills.

The storm which Toronto experienced yesterday afternoon was pretty general all over the province.

BETTER THAN THEIR BARGAIN. (Canadian Associated Press Cable) London, Aug. 17.—Replying to a Jamaica critic, Sir Alfred Jones, the principal director of the Elder-Dempster Company, said the line is doing more than it bargained for—larger vessels being substituted for smaller ones to meet the greatly developed banana trade.

BRICKLAYERS WON'T WORK WITH NON-UNIONIST LABOR. After a long and eventful meeting last night the Bricklayers' Union three times itself into the scale pan with the builders' laborers.

DEFIED ALMIGHTY, IS DEAD. Baltimore, Aug. 16.—Consternation reigned in the little town of Allen, in Western Maryland, over the strange death of Walter H. Whittier, a popular resident of the place.

PHONE POLES RIDDLED. Greenwood, Aug. 16.—A severe electrical storm passed over this locality this afternoon. The storm was accompanied by torrents of rain and some hail, which will do a great injury to the farm crops.

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GEORGIA MOB BURNS NEGROES

MILITARY GUARD OVERPOWERED HAD BAYONETS BUT NO BULLETS

Were Two Convicted Prisoners of 13 on Trial for Murder.

Statesboro, Ga., Aug. 16.—With clothing saturated with kerosene, writhing and twisting in their agony, screaming to Heaven for the mercy that the mob would not show, Paul Reed and Will Cato, negroes, two of the principals in the murder and burning of the Stokes today. At 1.15 this afternoon a determined mob charged on the court house, overpowered the military guard, secured Cato and Reed, who had been found guilty after a legal trial and sentenced to be hanged, took them two miles from Statesboro and there burned them alive.

SENSATIONAL EVIDENCE IN WORTH GREY PROTEST

Will Be Forthcoming at Trial—Mackay Declines to Meet Gamey in Debate.

Owen Sound, Aug. 16.—(Special)—R. R. Gamey, M.L.A., opened a series of meetings in North Grey last night. Speaking to a packed house at Bogor, the hall was crowded almost to suffocation and hundreds could not gain admission.

EDITOR OF "TRIEBLATT" A VISITOR TO CANADA TO PROVE HIS BELIEFS

After Tour Thru West Finds This Country Fine Field for German Emigration.

Herr A. Wagner, editor of the well-known and influential Berlin newspaper, the "Trieblatt," is at present resident in the King Edward. He is now on his return journey after spending some considerable time investigating for himself the natural conditions of the Canadian west and its advantages as a field for German emigration.

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