

London, Feb. 11.—7.30 p. m. A dispatch to Reuters' Telegram Co., from Tokio, dated 7.10 p. m. yesterday, says an unofficial report was current there that the Russian fleet was destroyed, four battleships and three cruisers being sunk, and that two Japanese warships were damaged in an engagement yesterday off Port Arthur, the Japanese getting between the Russians and the entrance of the harbor before the fight commenced.

RUSSIAN VERSION. Port of Two Days' Bombardment of Port Arthur and of Japanese Losses. Feb. 11.—The Journal Des Debats in a special dispatch from St. Petersburg, announced that a bombardment of Port Arthur occurred yesterday, and again yesterday, says that the Japanese, after having suffered severe losses, it is added all is quiet off Port Arthur.

ALEXIEFF IS SUPREME. Been Appointed Commander of Land and Sea Forces in Far East. St. Petersburg, Feb. 11.—It is officially announced that Admiral Alexieff has been appointed to the supreme command of the Russian land and sea forces in the Far East.

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RUSSIAN BATTLE FLEET. Proposal to Send It Through Kaiser Wilhelm Canal on Way East. Berlin, Feb. 11.—The Lokal Anzeiger says notification has been received of the proposed passage of the Russian Baltic fleet, consisting of fifteen warships, through the Kaiser Wilhelm canal, on its way to the Far East.

JAPANESE WAR CORRESPONDENT CONFIDENT OF HIS COUNTRY'S SUCCESS. The Japanese soldiers are sure to win. They are better disciplined than the Russians, and every man is imbued with an intense love of country and the Emperor.

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VACANCY IN HIGH SCHOOL SUPPLIED

THE TRUSTEE BOARD IN MONTHLY SESSION They Discussed a Number of Matters Scholastic—Fire Alarm System in Schools Proposed.

The regular monthly meeting of the board of school trustees was held Wednesday, when Miss Jeanette C. Cann was appointed to the High school teaching staff in succession to Miss R. Watson.

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ANNUAL BALL OF THE LOCAL EAGLES

A Scene of Splendor at the Assembly Hall Last Evening—List of Prize Winners.

The fifth annual masquerade ball of the local order of Eagles was held Wednesday at Assembly hall. There was an attendance of between 500 and 600, and the evening passed in thoroughly enjoyable time.

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