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## Hong Kong Reports Fleets Have Met; Togo Said to Have Lost Five Ships; Russ Supply Fleet Seen Off Singapore

### Dutch Squadron Sails to Enforce Observance of Neutrality.

### The Mikado to Have Million Men in Field by Next Autumn.

Chicago, April 10. — A special from Hong Kong to the Chicago Daily News says: It is reported here that two sections of the rival fleets clashed near Singapore this morning and that Togo lost five vessels. The rumor is not given much credence by the other Chicago papers, but it may be true.

St. Petersburg, April 11. — 2:47 a.m. — Russia's information regarding the Japanese fleet, its location, destination and intentions, is based solely on foreign dispatches, which are all too meager to prevent a quick-ripening crop of rumors, according to one of which the adverse fleets have already joined battle. Others of these dispatches are attempting to locate variously the battleship division of the squadron. The admiralty steadfastly professes its inability to impart any light or clarify the situation.

The admiralty said today that the report received yesterday was from the captain of a merchant ship who encountered the fleet, and reported to the Russian consulate at Singapore.

Some naval officers conjecture the four battleships are delaying in order to effect a junction with Vice-Admiral Nebogatoff's division, but generally credence is given to the report that the battleships are taking a southern route through the Sunda Straits, the selection of the Singapore route being regarded as in the nature of a feint, and to minimize the danger of a torpedo attack on the mainstays of the fleet.

Meanwhile events in Manchuria have come to a pause, and at home the main attention is being given to the work of the Boulenger commission, which is charged with formulating the plan for the representative assembly promised by the imperial rescript of March 2.

The summary closure of the lawyers' congress in St. Petersburg yesterday in the midst of the opening session of what promised to be a repetition of the Moscow conference of doctors manifests the firm hand with which Governor-General Trepoff is managing the difficult situation.

It is considered the best proof that the czar intends to pursue the war "to the bitter end" that the Japanese fleet of forty-seven ships has passed Singapore and entered the China Sea. More than half of his long voyage has been completed, but a great distance still separates him from Vladivostok, the only Russian harbor remaining. Beyond question, he intends to give battle to the Japanese. They have not molested him so far. But they know, unless their cunning has departed, every move that he has made, and unless all signs fail, a naval battle of large proportions is impending.

On the one side Russia's last armada, far from home, in no shape to render the best account of itself, and unaided presumably by the same ghastly inefficiency that marked the episode of the fishing fleet in the Doggerbank. On the other side, a wary, astute, fighting organization in its own waters, flushed with victory and experienced in the grim business of sinking Russian ships.

Probably Supply Ships.

London, April 11. — A telegram from Singapore reports that four supposed colliers passed there going east April 10. These are presumed in shipping circles to be the advance guard of the

### A FRESH SHOCK

Simla, British India, Again Shaken by an Earthquake.

Simla, April 11. — Fresh earthquake shocks yesterday evening and this morning led to a recrudescence of alarm. The new Government offices were freshly cracked.

### STORM OF ASHES

Belief That New Volcano Has Appeared in Central Asia.

Calcutta, April 10. — No news about the earthquake from the regions north of Cashmere has been received, but two days before the shock was felt in India it was reported from the Punjab that storms had occurred there bearing dust and ashes.

This lends color to the view that a new volcano has appeared somewhere in Central Asia.

### Bad Cleveland Fire.

Cleveland, April 11. — The entire plant of the C.O. Bartlett & Snow Company, mill machinery manufacturers, French and Fall streets, this city, was destroyed by fire late last night. The members of the firm state the loss to be fully \$100,000.

### LOOKING INTO 'PHONE BUSINESS;

BELL MANAGER CAN'T APPEAR

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, April 11. — There was a meeting of the special parliamentary committee on telephones today to hear the evidence of L. B. MacFarlane, general manager of the Bell Telephone Company. Mr. T. C. Casgrain, K.C., appeared for MacFarlane, stating that he was too ill to be present. A doctor's certificate was produced. Mr. MacFarlane was taken ill last week, when he arrived from New York.

Mr. Casgrain said that Mr. C. F. Sise, the president of the company, had been sent for to Italy, and he was now on the Atlantic on his way back. He would be here on the 19th or 20th, and would give the committee all the information that he desired.

### COMPROMISE OR SPLIT

Chamberlain Will Endeavor to Unite All Sections of Unionists.

London, April 11. — At a private dinner of tariff reformers last night, Joseph Chamberlain dwelt on the urgency of effecting unity of the Unionist party, since disunity they were powerless to do anything.

He expressed the hope that an agreement would be arranged between the Balfourite and Chamberlainite wings of the party.

Mr. Chamberlain has called a meeting of his party for Thursday to discuss trade relations with the colonies and the possibility of reaching an agreement on the fiscal question. He himself will preside, and no secret is made of the fact that it will be a momentous meeting upon which will hang the fate of the Unionist party.

If no compromise can be arranged, Mr. Chamberlain will make an open split from Premier Balfour, which would result in the speedy fall of the Government.

### Off for Majorca.

Port Mahon, Island of Minorca, April 11. — King Edward and Queen Alexandra sailed today on the royal yacht Victoria and Albert for Palma, Island of Majorca.

## JAPAN PROTESTS AGAINST B. C. ACT

Anti-Jap Legislation May Be Disallowed.

The Central Trunk Company New Road That Asks Power to Build From Midland to London and St. Thomas.

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Ottawa, April 11. — Consul Nose, of Japan, had an interview with Sir Wilfrid Laurier today in regard to the anti-Japanese legislation passed by the British Columbia Legislature the other day. It is understood that the Premier said that the legislation would be disallowed if it were as represented.

The Ottawa River Railway Company holds a charter for a road from Hawkesbury to Georgian Bay, and it seeks power to amalgamate with a company to build from Midland to St. Thomas and London, both to be known as the Central Trunk Company. The bill was called at the railway committee today and discussed, after which it was referred to a sub-committee.

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### WEATHER NOTES.

Light rain has fallen in Southern Ontario, and light local snowfalls have occurred in Manitoba. Elsewhere in Canada the weather has been fair since yesterday morning.

### LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the local observatory for the 24 hours ended at 8 p.m. Monday were: Highest, 50°; lowest, 43°.

## LONDON'S SHARE OF ESTIMATES.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Toronto, April 10. The Normal and Model Schools at London will receive \$16,750, as against \$15,800 last year, according to the budget estimates. The increase includes \$50 additional salary for the vice-principal, \$500 for special apparatus, and \$500 payment to the London Board of Education.

There are decreases in other supplies and in expenses for the grounds.

The Middlesex and London Historical Society receives \$100. The increase from \$141,104 to \$146,485 for the London Asylum includes, in addition to a number of small salary increases, \$3,000 additional for fuel, or \$22,000 in all; \$2,000 extra for flour, \$500 additional for gas, oil, or \$3,500 in all, and \$300 more for printing and postage, or \$1,500 in all.

There are decreases from \$13,000 to \$12,000 for bedding and clothing, and from \$1,200 to \$1,000 for feed and fodder.

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## DRUNKEN ORGIES AS MUKDEN FALLS

Riot and Panic of the Russian Retreat Pictured.

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### YODKA ENOUGH FOR EVERYBODY

Soldiers Stumble Northward Over Ground Strewn With Dead and Wounded.

Shanghai, April 11.—This is the story of the orgy and the panic of the Russian evacuation and retreat from Mukden. Some features of it are almost incredible of belief, but I have photographs and signed statements to prove them.

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The storm enveloped the scene, giving the frenzied crowd the appearance of alcoholic demons battling in a hell of smoke. The soldiers developed Anglophobic sentiments that were dangerous for me, but Rikacheff, the Russian newspaper correspondent, helped me to escape.

A similar scene occurred at Fushan, which the Russians call Quanshan, and afterwards at Mukden proper. On March 4 I returned to Mukden, where I found a remarkable assembly of armed and wounded Hunhuses in the Russian service. They were young men, gorgeously dressed, and fierce as tigers. They drew their swords on the spectators on the slightest provocation, and the terror-stricken citizens of Mukden gazed at them from afar. I do not know why these men were assembled, or what became of them.

### Mukden in Flames.

On Friday morning, March 10, I found that Mukden had been evacuated during the night. The Russian settlement was burning and drunken soldiers were handing handfuls of cartridges into the flames. I rode northwards along the railway. Several miles to the north of the city, the debris of seven regiments, lying behind the railway station, smoldered heavily from the east. Many corpses were lying about, the wounded were neglected, and the fields were strewn with dozens of miles with provisions, rifles, cartridges and dead horses. The leader of this force said that he had been ordered to burn the city, and that the Japanese had driven him back. Everybody was dispirited, for the soldiers knew they were surrounded.

In the evening I went east with the intention of visiting the valley between the Japanese. Wounded men were strewn thick on the ground, walling. "Brothers, do not abandon us," I said. "I am a wounded man, who had lost his own in the confusion of the retreat. I helped place other wounded soldiers on the railcars until there was no room for more. Some of the men fell down asleep. Many were tortured to death by Chinese bandits, and saw many corpses that had been stripped naked."

### Corpses Strew Ground.

I walked all night over rifles and cartridges, tormented by thirst. Frequently I fell over corpses left on the ground. In brief intervals the Japs' searchlights swept the horizon toward the north. The Russians always tried to hide from the searchlight and all the men shivered whenever they saw it flicked on them like the gaze of a gigantic eye. Several villages were blazing afar off. Some Japanese soldiers fired a few shots at close range toward midnight.

Dawn found me in the hilly country near Fushan, and I saw the valley between Mukden. The enemy was invisible, and we thought we were saved, but when we were entering a side valley, the Japs began from the south. We rushed wildly northward like frightened sheep, but were soon stopped by a sharp fusillade from an unseen enemy in the north. We were surrounded by the Japs, and the Russian soldiers, who rushed aside from the panic, they seemed to imagine they were being fired upon by their own men, and raised loud cries of "Fusillade!" uttered in loud, inarticulate wails the most dreadful sounds I ever heard.

The officers finally succeeded in getting the men lined up in two shallow furrows, but being absolutely powerless against the enemy's fire the men threw away their rifles and waved white handkerchiefs, while the hughes of "Fusillade!" seemed to roar.

It seemed hours, however, before the Japanese ceased firing. Meanwhile the Russian commander was killed and many officers and men wounded.

The Russians became convinced that the Japanese intended to give up the city. The soldiers hitherto had suspected me, but now a deputation of them, weeping hysterically, asked me to come to a British subject, to go and beg the Japanese to spare them. I replied that it was impossible.

Suddenly the firing ceased, and from the right and left two detachments of Japanese infantry seemed to rise out of the ground. They advanced rapidly, and when they were close I saw they wore the uniform of the Imperial Guards. They met the Russians like long-lived brothers.

### Japs Fear Russian Kisses.

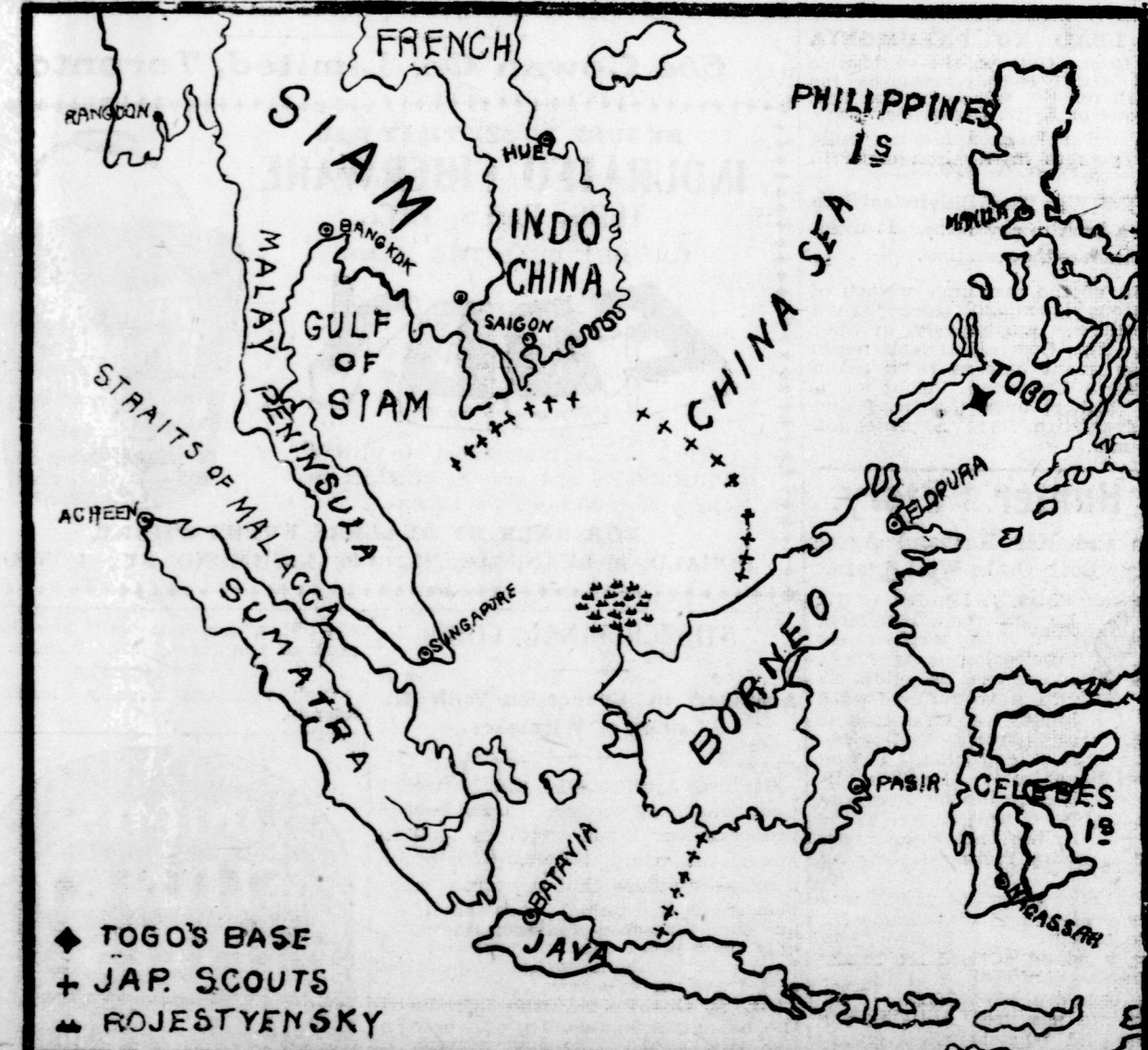
The Russians heartily shook hands with the Japanese and tried to kiss them. The Japanese, however, objected to the kisses, fearing the Russians wanted to bite them.

We reached Liao Yang late at night. The city was quiet, but the Government forces were still open. The scene at Fushan, a great contrast to Liao Yang under Russian rule. The Japanese were in the comfortable Russian houses at the station.

Thousands of dirty, ragged Russians were penned inside a fenced inclosure, sleeping on the bare ground, without decent privacy, and under the contemptuous gaze of crowds of Japanese and Chinese, who peered through the bars as if at a menagerie. Many of the Japanese held their noses, on account, they said, of the evil odor emanating from the Russians. Words cannot convey an adequate idea of the tremendous humiliation the white race thus suffered in the eyes of the Chinese.

### A Small Seal Catch.

St. Johns, Nfld., April 11. — The steamer Leopard, with 2,000 seals, and the Virginia Lake, with 10,000 seals, arrived yesterday, the former with her machinery disabled. They report little improvement in the seal hunt. Eighteen of the whole fleet of twenty-two ships are still out. It is doubtful if the whole catch will exceed 160,000, against 231,000 last year.



The above map shows the whereabouts of the Russian and Japanese fleets. A section of the former, under Rojestyensky, is reported to have passed through the Straits of Malacca and is now in the China Sea northeast of Singapore. Five of the czar's battleships, the backbone of the squadron, are not with this section, and it is supposed they are passing through the Sunda Straits, which lie at the south end of Sumatra. The passage of a section of his fleet through the Straits of Malacca was evidently a blind. Nothing definite is known of Admiral Togo's whereabouts, but he is supposed to be barring the way to Saigon or Vladivostok, by way of the China Sea, with one fleet, while another blocks the way to the Pacific.

## Stratford Colored Man Runs Amuck at the Falls

Mr. Johnson Knocks Out a Car Examiner and Stabs a Patrolman.

Niagara Falls, Ont., April 11. — A colored man who gave his name as Johnson and his home as Stratford, put in an appearance at the Grand Trunk depot about 2 o'clock this morning, accompanied by a colored woman who claims to be his wife. Both were partly intoxicated, and when ordered out, threatened to shoot those around them.

Patrolman Campbell was summoned, and covering the man with his gun, ordered him to surrender. The

man refused, whereupon the officer attempted to arrest him. The man struck right and left, knocking down a car examiner who was with the officer, and inflicting a stab wound about three inches deep in the officer's right shoulder with a knife.

The officer stuck to his man and finally clubbed him partly into submission, and took him to the lockup.

In the police court the man was remanded for eight days, awaiting the effects of the officer's wound.

The woman was allowed to go on suspended sentence. Last night was about Officer Campbell's last day on the force, he having accepted a similar position on the St. Thomas force.