

FIRST BLOOD FOR THE JAPANESE. THREE RUSSIAN WARSHIPS TORPEDOED

BIG BATTLE REPORTED OFF PORT ARTHUR. MIKADO'S MEN MAKE BOLD NIGHT ATTACK

Alexieff Telegraphs the Czar That Two Battleships and One Cruiser Were Badly Damaged by the Enemy Outside the Harbor.

The Ships Put Out of Action Were the Battleships Retevizan and Tzarevitch and the Cruiser Pallada.

Japanese Troops Hurrying to Occupy Korean Capital.

THE RUSSIANS MENACE PEKIN

Czar Applies For a \$200,000,000 Loan From European Bankers—Imperial Bail Canceled.

Port Arthur, Feb. 9. — Japanese torpedo boats attacked the Russian fleet here during the night, and three of the Russian ships were badly damaged. The Japanese, who thus scored the first success of the war, escaped undamaged.

In consequence of the attack by the

Crowds of volunteers besieged the Russian staff offices. The naval reserves have been called out.

The action of the Japanese in attacking the Russian fleet without a declaration of war is denounced as an outrage by the Russians generally, and the result, instead of discouraging them, seems to have been to furnish the spark necessary to fire Russian patriotism. The country is aroused.

THE REPORT WAS UNTRUE.

Story of the Sinking of Japanese Ships a Canard.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 9. — The announcement of the sinking of eleven Japanese ships and the fact that Port Arthur was in flames was given out in St. Petersburg at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon as official, but investigation showed the report to be untrue. The only confirmed official communication is that from Admiral Alexieff, issued

passed a Japanese fleet today going in the direction of Port Arthur.

SURROUNDED NEW CHANG.

London, Feb. 9. — A dispatch to Lloyd's from New Chwang says: "Owing to the enormous trade interests involved, the powers should demand that Russia surrender the port of New Chwang and agree to the neutralization thereof."

THE PALLADA WENT DOWN.

Paris Hears That Russian Cruiser Was Sunk.

Paris, Feb. 9, 4:55 p.m. — It was announced at the French foreign office this afternoon that the Russian cruiser Pallada was sunk in the torpedo attack made by the Japanese on the Russian fleet off Port Arthur. The injuries sustained by the Retevizan and Czaravitch are not known.

It was reported on the same authority that the cable from Vladivostok had been cut.

RUSSIA WANTS INTERVENTION.

London, Feb. 9. — The Japanese Minister, Baron Hayashi, said this afternoon: "Russia is making desperate efforts, through the various embassies,

the engagement off Port Arthur, the minister was aware that Japan intended throughout this war to employ torpedo boats to the fullest possible extent. He had not heard of the landing of Japanese troops in Korea, and he

scouted the idea of mediation, saying that all chance of mediation had ceased with the breaking off of the negotiations."

JAPS LEAVE PORT ARTHUR.

Despite Viceroy Alexieff's Office of Protection.

Che Foo, Feb. 9. — The Japanese residents are leaving Port Arthur. On Monday a steamer took one hundred, and proceeded to Dalny, thence to Japan. Others are going to China. Admiral Alexieff tried to reassure them and promised protection to their families. Russian officers and foreign merchants are leaving here in fear that the Chinese will rise. War correspondents will use dispatch boats. Foreign officers who have been refused permission to accompany the fleet probably will accompany the army.

SKILLFUL AND DARING.

Engagement Proves Japanese To Be the Better Seamen.

Berlin, Feb. 9. — The comment at the marine department on the success of Japan's first blow at Port Arthur was that even the temporary disablement of three warships placed the

mon talk of the naval officers was that the Japanese have shown that they can handle their ships better than the Russians.

THE RIVAL FLEETS.

Russian.	Tons.	Japanese.	Tons.
Orsk.	15,900	Mikasa	15,300
Czarevitch	12,110	Asahi	15,000
Retevizan	12,700	Hatsuse	15,000
Purevitch	12,700	Shikashima	14,850
Problema	12,700	Yashima	12,200
Sebastopol	10,900	Fuji	12,200
Patrovich	10,900	Chen Yuen	14,800
Pollava	10,900		

PROTECTED CRUISERS.

Bogatzo	6,700	Naniwa	5,700
Diana	6,500	Chitose	4,700
Pallada	6,500	Kasagi	4,700
Parang	6,500	Takasago	4,300
Boyarin	6,500	Ioukushima	4,277
Askold	6,100	Hashidate	4,277
Novik	5,300	Matsushima	4,277
		Yashino	4,150
		Takashio	3,700
		Nitaka	3,420
		Akitsuashima	3,150
		Idzumi	3,000
		Sutma	2,700
		Akashi	2,700
		Azuma	2,650

ARMORED CRUISERS.

Gromovoi	12,300	Yakumo	9,500
Rosla	12,300	Asama	9,750
Rurik	10,900	Tokiwa	9,750
Bayan	7,900	Iwate	9,750
		Idzumi	9,750
		Azuma	9,500

TORPEDO BOAT DESTROYERS.

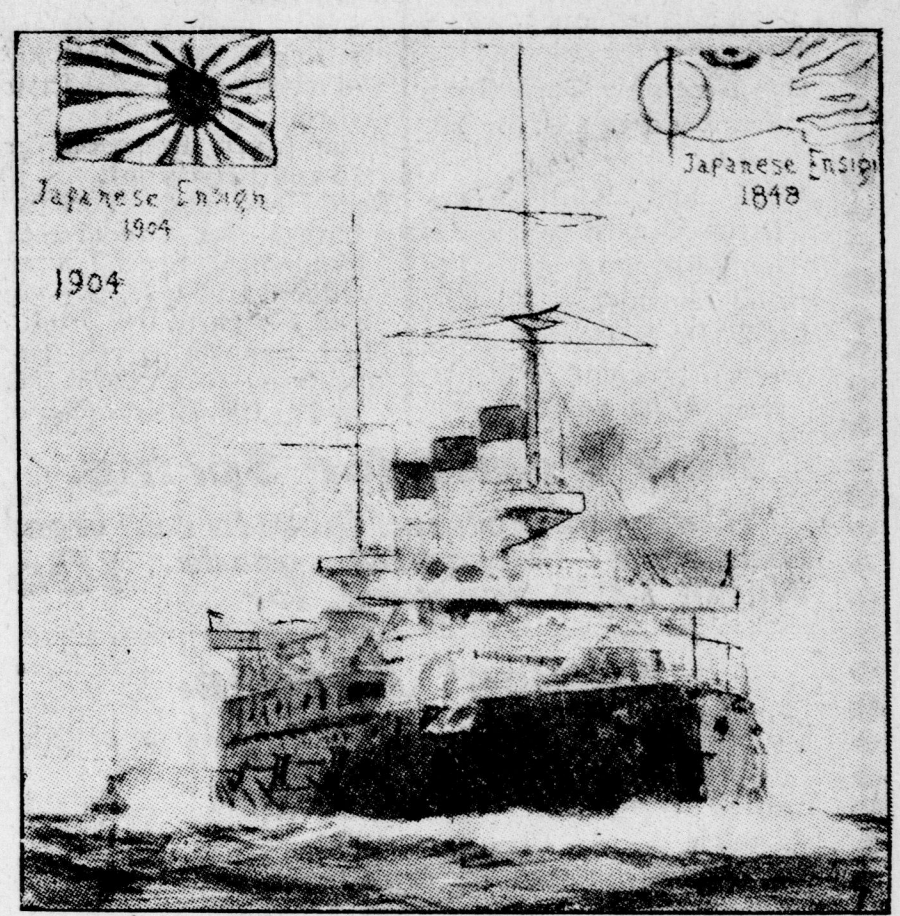
Russian.	12	Japanese.	19
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TORPEDO BOATS.

Russian.	16	Japanese.	70
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THE JAPANESE NAVY'S ADVANCE.



The "Mikasa," One of the Latest Additions to the Little Nation's Sea Forces.

Liberals of London Tender a Reception to New Member of the Dominion Cabinet

Hon. C. S. Hyman Receives an Ovation From His Constituents On the Occasion of His Return From Ottawa, and Is Presented With an Address—Congratulations Extended by a Number of Leading Liberals—Mr. Hyman's Reply.

Seventeen years ago this month a torchlight procession such as London has never witnessed before, threaded its long and brilliant way through the streets of the city, making known to one and all the fact that Charles Smith Hyman, the young Londoner, who, at the age of 27, had been president of the board of trade, and at 30 mayor of the city, was the Liberal standard-bearer in London, and was prepared to carry that standard to victory against tremendous odds. Mr. Hyman was but 33 years of age, at that time, and he did not succeed in carrying the constituency, though he did succeed in crumbling the fortifications of one of the strongest fortresses of Conservatism of Ontario. All along through the many years in which Mr. Hyman kept up the fight, his friends remained true to a man, and when at last he was sent to Ottawa by a substantial majority to support a Liberal Premier, his constituents knew that he would not be there long until his ability and sterling qualities would be recognized and rewarded.

At last night, seventeen years after his political battles began in London, Mr. Hyman stood in the reception-room of the local Liberal Club, a Cabinet Minister—a member of the most advanced, prosperous and liberal-minded Government that Canada has as yet known. For three years his constituents have watched him in various capacities at Ottawa—as the member for London, watching her interests, as the chairman of the railway committee, the most important committee of the House, as the chairman of the redistribution committee, controlling his own party, dealing justly by all, and by his fairness shattering Conservative criticism, and as a legislator, legislating for the entire Dominion from coast to coast. In all of these positions he has been observed closely by the men who sent him to Ottawa, and that he has not been found wanting was proven last night by the numbers of Liberals young and old, of every class, who turned out to greet him and congratulated him upon his success—a success which they justly consider is partly their own.

Every room in the spacious club was filled by the Liberals of London, and a feature of the gathering, which appeared to especially please the new Minister was the fact that mingling amongst those present were many who had shook his hand seventeen years ago, when first he carried the Liberal standard in a political fight. It was a night of handshaking, and eulogies at the club, but the warmest words that were showered upon the Hon. C. S. Hyman by his well-wishers were no warmer than the kind words the new Minister had for those who had stayed by him in the past, through thick and thin, and to whom he is now, as he was then, just plain "Charlie" Hyman.

MR. GIBBONS SPEAKS OF SOME EARLY CAMPAIGNS.

Mr. Hyman Was Always Manly and Courageous, and Full of Pluck.

The chairman of the evening was Mr. George C. Gibbons, K. C., who has taken an active part in many of the Liberal campaigns in London, particularly since Mr. Hyman has been the standard-bearer of the party. In opening his address, Mr. Gibbons said he felt somewhat old when he took the seat of honor, but he was glad to be there, and he was glad to see Mr. Hyman, who had been so long in the city of London, and recalled the time when Mr. Hyman became the standard-bearer of the party. He remembered as well as if it were yesterday the first morning he went to Mr. Hyman's factory and asked him to be a member of the Liberal Club, and he remembered as well as if it were yesterday the first morning he went to Mr. Hyman's factory and asked him to be a member of the Liberal Club, and he remembered as well as if it were yesterday the first morning he went to Mr. Hyman's factory and asked him to be a member of the Liberal Club.

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Map of the Far East Seat of war, Showing Strategic Points.

Japanese torpedo boats, martial law has been proclaimed here.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 9. — Admiral Alexieff's official report of the attack by the Japanese is as follows: "I most respectfully inform your majesty that at or about midnight of Feb. 8-9, Japanese torpedo boats made a sudden attack by means of mines upon the Russian squadron in the outer roads of the fortress of Port Arthur, in which the battleships Retevizan and Czaravitch and the cruiser Pallada, were damaged. An inspection is being made to ascertain the character of the damage. Details are following for your majesty."

CZAR ACCEPTS THE GAGE.

Attack On the Russian Fleet Has Aroused All Russia.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 9. — The news that Japan had duplicated her tactics at the opening of the Chino-Japanese war by a torpedo attack on the Russian ships off Port Arthur created intense excitement. The bare announcement arrived from Viceroy Alexieff at 8 o'clock this morning and dispelled hopes that war could be averted. The Czar and his ministers, who were informed immediately, accepted the gage and prepared to face the reality of war. His majesty's manifesto declaring a state of war to exist is expected to be issued tomorrow morning.

Fervent activity reigned at all the ministries, and war preparations were pushed in all directions.

The Russian Red Cross Society already has sent 2,000 beds to the far east, and Sisters of Mercy are leaving.

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NEWS STAGGERS PARIS.

Japanese Attack Creates Consternation in French Capital.

Paris, Feb. 9. — The news of the first Japanese attack with torpedo boats on the Russian fleet off Port Arthur created consternation here. The advice received by officials of the foreign office were similar to those of the St. Petersburg Official Gazette, showing that two Russian battleships and one cruiser were damaged, and also showing that four torpedo boats made the attack.

An official of the foreign office said: "It is profoundly to be regretted that such a decisive step has been taken, as it terminates the efforts the powers might have made to avert actual warfare."

Information has been received here showing that the British Government will issue a declaration of neutrality within a few days, perhaps immediately, and that France will take the same course within a day or two.

SUNK OR IN THE MID.

London, Feb. 9. — The naval men in London regarded the result of Japan's first attack with torpedo boats on the Russian fleet at Port Arthur as being a staggering one. They pointed out that Viceroy Alexieff's reference to "mines" obviously meant "torpedoes," and so that if the Russian vessels had been struck by Whitehead torpedoes they probably have been sunk or resting on the mud in Port Arthur in any case hopelessly out of action for a considerable time.

HEADED FOR PORT ARTHUR.

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Local temperatures: Monday—Highest, 12.5° above; lowest, 4° below.

WEATHER BULLETIN

TOMORROW—FAIR AND VERY COLD.

London, Tuesday, Feb. 9.

Sun sets... 5:38 p.m. Moon rises... 2:01 a.m.

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Toronto, Feb. 9—4 p.m.

Extreme cold prevails throughout the Dominion, the temperature this evening being below zero nearly everywhere, and severe frosts are reported from Vancouver Island and the Pacific coast.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Dawson, 24 below—14 below; Victoria, 24—23; Kamloops, 4—10; Calgary, 20 below—10 below; Qu'Appelle, 28 below—10 below; Winnipeg, 34 below—8 below; Port Arthur, 24 below—4; Parry Sound, 24 below—2 below; Toronto, 5 below—4; Ottawa, 10 below—4 below; Montreal, 8 below—2 below; Quebec, 2 below—8; Halifax, zero—16.

FORECASTS.

Tuesday, Feb. 9—8 a.m.

Moderate winds, fair and decidedly cold today and Wednesday.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations. 8 a.m. Min. Weather.

Calgary... 24... 24... Clear

Winnipeg... 24... 24... Clear

Parry Sound... 24... 24... Clear