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Are Busy Fortifying Town in Northern Korea --Report of Bombardment Not Yet Confirmed.

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St. Petersburg, Feb. 29.—The Novoe Vremya to-day publishes a remarkable article on the parallel between Port Arthur and Sebastopol, pointing out that the ports are identically situated.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 29.—The twenty-third Japanese infantry, occupying Ping Yang, midway between Seoul and Yalu river, on Sunday met a body of Russian cavalry south of Ping Yang and drove them back.

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