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## JAPANESE CLAIM HARBOR IS BLOCKED

### Official Announcement That They Were Successful in Sinking Hulks at the Entrance to Port Arthur.

London, Feb. 26.—The Japanese legation today gave out the following official dispatch from Tokio, dated February 25th:

"Early in the morning of February 24th four old vessels, escorted by some torpedo boats, were run into the entrance of Port Arthur for the purpose of blocking the mouth of the harbor. The object of sinking these vessels was attained, and the officers and crews returned safely.

"Although there is no report regarding our fleet direct from Admiral Togo, no doubt can be entertained as to its safety."

London, Feb. 26.—The "Pictorial" correspondent of the Standard sends in a report from a native source that the Russians have burned a large village near the Sungari river and massacred the inhabitants, including the women, in revenge for an attempt to wreck the Sungari bridge.

War correspondents and Europeans in general are commenting in amazement upon the success of the Japanese officials in preserving secrecy regarding all the operations of war, and declare this conspiracy of silence is not only confined to government and service circles, but that it extends to every section of the community. It is undoubtedly in pursuance of this policy that the Japanese account of the Port Arthur attacks have yet been published, and none are expected until Admiral Togo has completed his designs.

In the meantime, if the report of a Japanese landing near Vladivostok, which at present is based on missionary and native statements, should prove correct, a most important new development in the Japanese operations will have been revealed, as it points to an attack on Vladivostok.

A report that the railroad has been cut between Harbin and Vladivostok may possibly be connected with these operations, but until more reliable information is forthcoming, this report must be received with reserve. It is already reported from Tokio that certain Russian forces were concentrating at Possiet Bay.

No further news of an attack at Port Arthur after the engagement in which the Japanese attempted to block the harbor entrance, has reached London. English newspapers in discussing Viceroy Alexieff's reports incline to the belief that Admiral Togo succeeded in making the channel impassable for large battleships, even if it is still free to smaller craft, and especially that the reported second attack if it did occur was devoted to an attempt to sink further obstacles to navigation.

A special dispatch from Hongkong says the British Admiralty officials are serving out clothing to the Russian sailors rescued at Chemulpo, Korea, and that the crews of the vessels forming part of the British squadron have given half a day's pay to provide luxuries for the Russian wounded.

General Railway.  
Pekin, Feb. 25.—The director-general of the Chinese railway reports that one hundred Russian infantrymen and officers, gun and large supply of ammunition at Rang Ho, and that 200 Russian cavalrymen and two guns have arrived at Lui-Li-Chang. These towns are both on the west side of the Liao river. The director-general reports the Manchurian railway is guarded by detachments of Cossacks of 30 men each, who occupy high watch towers at intervals of a mile.

Reported Landing.  
Ying Kio, Feb. 25.—Natives report that the Japanese have landed at Possiet Bay, and that they subsequently undertook operations against Hunchun and toward Kirin. These have received qualified confirmation from English missionary refugees who have arrived at Newchwang.

"Some people say the Russo-Chinese bank has removed from Kirin to Kwang Cheng Tsai, where commercial interests are seeking safety and defence. The reported advance has produced consternation among the European civilians residing in the line of march. It is reported also that the Russian government bureau at Vladivostok has withdrawn its forces from Kirin. Kirin is a big Manchurian town and lies about 220 miles inland, and to the west of Possiet Bay. Kwang Chen Tsai is about 50 miles west of Kirin. Khabarovsk is about 400 miles to the north of Vladivostok, which port it is connected by railroad.

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