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### RUSSIAN CAVALRY RAIDERS ACTIVE

### CONFLICTS WITH JAPS SOUTHWEST OF LIAO YANG

### Were Repulsed at All Points—Mikado's Troops Are Pursuing Force Which Attacked Newchwang.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 12.—The war office explains that the reason for Lieutenant-General Stoesel giving his parole and returning to Russia instead of remaining at the head of the heroic troops who formed the garrison of Port Arthur and sharing their fate as a prisoner of war in Japan, is that it is incumbent on him to bring a detailed report of the defence of the fortress to the Emperor.

### HUNDREDS OF GUNS FOR THE JAPANESE

Tokio, Jan. 12.—Gen. Nogi reports that the Japanese captured at Port Arthur 546 guns, 82,570 shells, 30,000 boxes of powder and 2,200,800 rounds of rifle ammunition.

### RUSSIAN WARSHIPS ARE OUT OF CANAL

Suez, Egypt, Jan. 12.—The division of the Russian second Pacific squadron, commanded by Rear-Admiral Botrovsky, arrived here to-day from Port Said.

### SUCCESS OF RUSSIAN LOAN IN GERMANY

Berlin, Jan. 12.—Applications for the second loan were so large that the subscription list was closed immediately after it opened this morning.

### SUBSCRIBED IN CAPITAL WITHIN A HALF HOUR

St. Petersburg, Jan. 12.—The Russian subscription to the new loan opened at 10 o'clock this morning, and was fully subscribed to within a half hour. It went at a premium of one point during the day.

### STOESSEL HAD ALMOST FIFTY THOUSAND MEN

Tokio, Jan. 12.—The Japanese achievement of Port Arthur is more remarkable in the light of further investigations. The original Russian strength is now estimated to have been almost 50,000. It is announced at the army headquarters that in addition to the prisoners already reported about 13,000 wounded captives will eventually be brought to Japan.

### RUSSIAN ACTIVITY SOUTHWEST OF LIAO YANG

Tokio, Jan. 13.—The bodies of Russian cavalry raiders actively operating southwest of Liao Yang are evidently desirous of harassing Japanese railroad communication and interrupting the transportation of Gen. Nogi's army to reinforce Field Marshal Oyama at Liao Yang.

### RUSSIA AND THE ATTITUDE OF CHINA

St. Petersburg, Jan. 14, 2:15 a.m.—Russia's official notification to the powers of the imminent danger of a general uprising in China as the result of a Japanese propaganda, which will threaten all foreign interests, coupled with a general protest against China's repeated violation of neutrality in connection with Japanese operations, is really a warning to the powers that Russia regards the situation as extremely serious, and considers that the time has come for joint action by the powers for the protection of their interests.

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### COSSACKS REPULSED BY THE JAPANESE

Tokio, Jan. 12.—Noon.—A report received yesterday at the imperial military headquarters from the Japanese army headquarters in Korea, says that the Japanese garrison at Hamhung recently defeated a detachment of Ninth Siberian Cossacks near Homan. The date of the engagement is not stated.

### RAILWAY SLIGHTLY DAMAGED BY RAIDERS

Tokio, Jan. 13.—2 p.m.—Russian cavalry raiders have slightly damaged the railway between Anchan-tien, Hai-chang and Tschichio.

### JAPANESE CAPTURE BRITISH STEAMER

Tokio, Jan. 13.—The Japanese armed cruiser Tokiwa captured in the sea of Japan on January 11th the British steamer Roseley, laden with coal, consigned to Vladivostok.

### RUSSIAN WARSHIPS SAIL FROM SUEZ

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### RUSSIA DECLARES SHE WILL DEAL WITH CHINA

Paris, Jan. 13.—The Associated Press learns authoritatively that Russia's note addressed to the powers relative to China breaking neutrality gives what Russia claims to be absolute proof of Chinese breaches. The three main complaints are:

### ACTIVITY AMONG THE JAPANESE TROOPS

Huanshan, Jan. 13.—Via Mukden, Jan. 14.—Chinese who have arrived here from Yinkow report that Field Marshal Oyama has been there since December inspecting troops.

### GENERAL STOESSEL ARRIVES AT NAGASAKI

Nagasaki, Jan. 14.—The Japanese transport Kamakuru, which left Port Dalny on January 11th, with General Stoesel and others on board, arrived here early this morning. Governor Arakawa with the chief officials of this port proceeded on board the Kamakuru at three in the afternoon.

### REPULED WITH LOSS OF EIGHTY MEN

Tokio, Jan. 13.—A report from the Japanese army headquarters on the Liaoting peninsula, received to-day, says: "A body of Russians, evidently from Gen. Mischevsky's cavalry brigade, with the second infantry regiment, railroad guards and guns recently surrounded the Japanese post at Niuchiatun, north of Yikow, on the line of communications, and assaulted it from the direction of Siantziatun. The Russians were repulsed with a loss of at least 80 men."

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