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REPORTED CAPTURE

THE JAPS TAKE MORE RUSSIAN VESSELS

Success of Navy May Enable Army to Fix Base Further North Than

London, Feb. 23.-The Nagasaki corpondent of the Daily Telegraph under anese squadron has captured four Russian torpedo boats at Port Arthur by means of using Russian signals. This dispatch appears to confirm reports from various quarters of a fresh attack on Port Arthur by the Japanese.

The report reached Nagasaki from Chefoo, and it adds that the Russian crews of the four torpedo boats have been transferred.

No other news of this attack has been received in London, but the Chefoo corespondent of the Morning Post dated erday says the statement is current that the Japanese torpedo boat destroythat the Japanese torpedo boat destroy-ers in the attack on Port Arthur of the French Red Cross Society to send February 14th sunk or damaged two Russian battleships in addition to the torpedo boat already reported.

It is possible therefore that the report

of the Telegraph's Nagasaki correspondent also refers to the earlier attack. A correspondent of the Associated Press cables that Port Arthur is now etly a naval stronghold and the forts are being manned by naval gunners. The report that large bodies of Cos sacks and other troops are occupying Newchwang and Hsin Ming Tin are un-

says a British squadron is there, and that a corresponding French concentration of warships is occurring at Saigon, Indo-China, this supposedly as a result of the Anglo-Frénch understanding.
Indefinite reports of the movements of troops in the vicinity of the Yalu river and statements of attempts to cut the Siberian railroad are also published this The Wei-Hai-Wei correspondent of the

Times describes a visit to Carolina an reordary 19th and the Japanese landing of rations there, which he says demonstrated that the Japanese military organization is superior to that of any European power. A general Japanese advance along the Pekin road to Korea, respondent continues, is expected. shortly. The original plan was to land t Masampho, but the naval success enabled the Japanese to begin operations at chemulpo and a further change of base is highly probable. When ice breaks up Saturday. Gratitude toward Great Britished at Ping Vang in sufficient strength to guard against a sudden Russian descent. It is believed divostock is intact, the Japanese will not aftempt to land on the western coat

f Korea. As an evidence of Japan's incruisers are busy patrolling towards the northwest of Korea and that she is not ading artillery at Chemulpo, Everything suggests an immediate dash for a strategic position in Northern Korea, the correspondent concludes, and it is pos-

sible the Russians are considerably further south than it is supposed.

Conspicuous at the entrance of Chemulpo harbor were the wrecks of the Russian vessels that had been sunk after the engagement with the Japanese. Salving operations had already been begun work on the sunken cruiser.

and ail apprehension of local disturb-

The conditions are such that it would the section crossing Lake Baikal, where it says the difficulties to be overcome be almost impossible for the Russians at present to check the Japanese advance. river and Ping Yang is of such strate by natives. The paper estimates the gic value as to necessitate strenuous present troop-moving capacity of the efforts on the part of both combatants railroad from Russia's experience last On the other hand, should the Japan- miles an hour. At this rate it would se successfully occupy it, they will take 36 days to convey 25,000 men from have a clear field and an open sea behind the Rural mountains to Mukden or

em over which they can hurry addi- Vladivostock. tional troops as they are needed.

Sinking of Steamer.

Nagasaki, Feb. 22.-In an interview which was sunk by the Russian squadron, says that on the ing of February 11th, four Russian ps were sighted at a distance of miles. The warships signalled the ura to follow them, and aftersignalled that all on board should he steamer in fifteen minutes. In eantime the warships opened fire Nakanoura. The second signalas intended to save the crew. the Nakanoura was lowering the two men were wounded and fell sea. The remainder of the crew aken on board the cruiser Gromsferred on February 15th to the r Stolberg from Vladivostock, but Transports With Troops and Ammun Stolberg, after proceeding five was stopped by the Russians and

the text is not ret obtainable:
"That the Russian government, be-lieving all civilized powers to be faithfully desirous that the law of nations shall be strictly adhered to in the pres-

ent war, respectfully calls the attention of the neutral governments to these two instances in which Japan has violated this law: In threatening the neutral port of Chemulpo, where warships of many nations were gathered, demanding the departure from that port of the Russian men of-war Variag and Koreitz, under penalty of attack within the harbor, and in attacking the Russian fleet at Port Arthur on the nights of February 8th and 9th, and on the following days, their attacks having taken place

prior to a formal declaration of war and before the Japanese minister at St. Petersburg, or the Russian minister at Tokio, had left their posts. It is also claimed that the attack took place after a communication from the Japanese minister to the Russian government expres-sing the hope that the interruption of date of February 22nd, reports that the diplomatic relations would be brief." Difficulties Increased.

> St. Petersburg, Feb. 23.—Heavy snow and blizzards over the Siberian railroad. especially east of Baikal, are largely increasing the difficulties of transporting brigands to operate. Japanese agents are reported north of Vladivostock, inciting the brigands to action. Now at Harbin.

Ying Kow, Feb. 22.-Viceroy Alexieff and his full staff have just arrived at Harbin, where headquarters have been No Hurry.

relief immediately to Manchuria, the Russian ambassador has written to Russian military authorities on the subject He says land operations will not con should practical relief measures be taken This statement is accepted as an indica tion that the Russians wish to complete ngaging in a decisive combat.

The Care of Prisoners. Tokio, Feb. 22.-The news of the Nakanoura Maru was received with the feeling of bitterness towards the Russians on account of the sinking of regarding the treatment of prisoners of var published. The Tokio governm it is understood, has anticipated the necessity of soon providing for the care of

Russian prisoners.

Baron Kanesko, who as already announced will sail for the United States on Thursday, is charged with a diplo-

Vice-Governor Takashai, of the Bank of Japan, who goes to America and Eng-

situation. The British naval officers who brought the Japanese armoured cruisers Nishin and Kasuga (purchased from Argentina) from Genoa, Italy, to Japan, be received in audience by the Mikado to-morrow. tain is intense.

saved from further Russian cruelty by the good offices of Mr. Conger, United States minister at Pekin, was received with the highest evidences of apprecia-

ations, the highest being ten yen (\$5). It is reported that the panic at Newchwang is increasing owing to apprehension of a Japanese attack. Rus sian financial credit there is completely

Berlin, Feb. 22.-The Militar Wochthe Variag and the divers were ateral staff, has published an article dis-Japan's action in Korea amounts to cussing Russia's prospects of reinforcing an acceptance of responsibility of the her army in East Asia. The paper takes afety of foreigners throughout Korea, a pessimistic view of the capacity of the trans-Siberian railroad, and especially of ever, the district between the Yalu matter than the threatened damage to it occupy it. Success by the Russians summer in moving two brigades to repspect will render Chemulpo Tschita, east of Lake Baikal, which was only accomplished at the rate of twelve

The paper assumes the present Russian scouting parties are known to strength of the Russian army in East-be at Anju and it is believed that two ern Asia to be 158,761 men, and upon companies of Japanese scouts have already reached Ping Yang. This being so, immediate skirmishing may be expected at several points.

The Militar is of the opinion that the first thing for Japan to do to compel with the captain of the steamer Nakan- Russia to abandon Manchuria is to con centrate her forces against Harbin. Consul at Newchwang.

Washington, Feb. 22.-The state department has heard nothing whatever It is pointed out also that it has alfrom United States Consul Miller at ways been the Japanese policy to an Newchwang touching the troubles he has had with Russian officials in endeavoring to carry out the department's instructions to look after Japanese inter ests at that port. It is said that if these officials are supported by their govern-ment in obstructing the American consul in discharge of this humane duty the department can do nothing further.

BOUND FOR BLACK SEA.

ing to the powers a vigorous com-cation charging Japan with repeat- here to-day from the Suez, and will pro-

JAPANESE

A black line marks the rallway Japan has built in Korea. Its southern terminus is Taku, sixty miles from Fusan; to the north it attains an equal distance. A rallway eighteen miles long joins Chemulpo ad Seoul. Another brench is planned to join Seoul and Gensan on Broughton Bay. This bay was named after Captain Broughton, an English sallor, who was the first to enter its waters. He did so with the Providence, a little boat of 16 guns, on Oct. 4th, 1797. Gensan is protected by a chain of mountains, and is an excellent base of naval operations.

Most of the towns and villages of Korea are situated about eight or ten miles from the coast. This curious fact is due to incursions in the old times of Japanese pirates. The Yalu River is navigable as far from its mouth as Shahotsu, the great commercial centre of the district.

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DEFEAT A Russian Authority Says the Little TABLE OF DISTANCES.

Brown Men Will Be Driven Into the Sea Before the Fall.



prove all measures concerning the war.

RUSHING TROOPS TO KOREA.

to-day in a dispatch from Tokio says: It was have not been given by government."

RUSSIAN ON OUTLOOK. Predicts War Will End in August September in Complete Defeat

of Japs.

Berlin, Feb. 23 .- The Lokal Anzeiger

St. Petersburg, Feb. 23.-"The war will end in August or September in the The announcement that Japanese sian war plans, whose opinion can be fugitives from Manchuria have been taken faithfully to reflect the belief in the highest official quarters. He added: "How the Japanese can hope to suc- thur was not due to apprehension of the is expected that the new diet will fully forces are concentrated and ready they will finish by driving the Japanese into

"Frankly, it seems to us that the Japanese either have utterly failed to appreciate Russia's resources or have the Liao Tung peninsula. The former counted on the aid of Great Britain, or say there is nothing the Russians would contemplated becoming involved. So far as Great Britain is concerned, we do not believe any hallucinations existed there. We think the British statesmen who did so much to push Japan into war realized complish two things for Great Britain:

"First, to give Russia a check. Of course the war must impede our progress temporarily. "Second, to cripple Japan's maritim power, which was beginning to be greatly felt on the Pacific Coast. "It can be said with the utmost positiveness that Russia will bide her time. She will act on the defensive until she

is confident that her weight of numbers will leave no doubt as to the result. Re-inforcements are going forward at the would necessitate his remaining in St. rate of 3,000 per day. Probably some time will elapse before Russia feels prepared to assume the offensive.
"The conviction is growing here in official circles that in spite of Japanese denials the Japanese fleet was severely

crippled off Port Arthur in the enagagement which began February 8th. admiralty has not direct official information to support this, except the man-ner in which the Japanese abandoned the attack at the end of 45 minutes.

"It is pointed out at the admiralty that two weeks have now elapsed without the whereabout of the Japanese fleet being definitely reported, and the opin-ton is gaining ground that it has gone to a Japanese port for repairs."

It is pointed out also that it has alnounce only victories to the admiralty,

the authority adding, "we know

sustained losses in the China war which

General Kouropatkin will not leave for the East for another fortnight. In the Was Originally Intended. the East for another fortnight. In the meantime he is going to his country es tate to bid farewell to relatives. His status has not yet been fully settled by for the Emperor and imperial headquar-the terms of his appointment. The general will command the Manchurian army, subject to Viceroy Alexieff, but his better not to remove until after the close powers will probably be extended to include the troops north of Manchuria. The early an April. The inconvenience of re-

BIRD'S-EYE VIEW OF THE SCENE OF CONFLICT.

complete defeat of the Japanese," said Sketch giving an idea of the proximity of Japan's Forces to the Battle Ground, she authority in intimate touch with the Rus- ing the Distance of St. Petersburg and the Single Line of Rail on which Russia largely depends for transport of men and munitions of war.

put to sea.

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barded Port Arthur at

refusal.

The Chefoo correspondent of the Morn-

at Chemulpo, and that he had received

at Talienwan, and that an engagement

The correspondent at Seoul, of the Daily Mail, reports a panic at Ping

inflicting, however, but slight injury.

If the latter report is true, it would

not long resist a Japanese attack. There

ceed when our army in the East is possibility of its investment, but simply strengthened to a point equal or superior to the requirements of the strategical in numbers to that of our adversaries we situation so as to enable him to direct the Japanese convertible war notes have begun to be placed in circulation at Seoul and Chemulpo. They are of six denominations the highest being to that of our adversaries we situation so as to enable him to direct the operations now in progress along the line of the Korean frontier from a more even six hundred thousand additional central point.

to place as circumstances demand.

Speaking on the subject of the possible evestment of Port Arthur, the military authorities here do not believe the Jap anese will attempt a landing in force on like better than such, as an attempt would be doomed to certain failure. The authorities here assert that the southern portion of the peninsula is strongly sents insuperable obstacles. The only chance of the Japanese, it is claimed, would be marching down from Korea, but to do this, it is added, they must first defeat the Russian army on this side of the Yalu river, and even if successful ey would be face to face with impreg-

nable strongholds. The Associated Press now understands that Grand Duke Alexis, uncle of the his determination to go to the Far East. He is extremely anxious to go, but the Grand Duke felt that his duties here

DECORATED OFFICERS.

Presentation to Captains and Lieuten-/ Ant Who Took New Cruisers to Japan.

Tokio, Feb. 23.-The Mikado to-day received in audience Captains Lee and Paynter, and Lieut. Boyle, of the Bri-tish navy, and thanked them for navigating the Japanese armoured cruisers Nisshin and Kasuga from Genoa, Italy, to Japan. His Majesty conferred on them the order of the Rising Sun, nd presented them with gifts of silver and lacquer badly supplied, and it, therefore, could Company, which is guarded by sailors. work from the imperial collection.

The foreign crew of the Nisshin sails and lass still, however, no news of actual this dispatch from Port Arthur, for home on the steamer Siberia from operations of any kind. Yokohama by way of San Francisco.

REMAINS AT TOKIO, Was Originally Intended.

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Russia's Note of Protest. Ishington, Feb. 22.—Russia is adding to the powers a vigorous compatible to the powers and and the Smolensk, loaded with his lieutenant for the army. Adminute powers and and the plant. St. Petersburg the protest is fine of the special session of the diet tion Leave For Odessa.

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the bridge. The newspapers of Port Arthur, dated February 4th, reached St. Petersburg to-

day, indicating that they were less than three weeks in transit. Troop trains probably required a longer time on account of the difficulties at Lake Baikal, where provisions and troops are crossing on ice trains. The steries of sufferings

Japanese Legation at Washington Doubts of the troops at the crossing are increas-ing. The correspondent of the Associated Press is informed that the Czar recently stood at the telegraph key and legation here discredits the sinking of talked with Viceroy Alexieff practically four Japanese warships and two trans minterrupted.

of the general staff, named Col. Assai,

of the engineers, and Lieuts. Zeneleiascha and Kasulata, of the sappers.

They were hanged from the girders of

support the government and cordially ap-Ine between Ping Yang and Wonsan, Korea, relying upon the protection of the fleet against a flank attack. The Japan-transports are both regarded as casting London, Feb. 24.—In a dispatch from ese army will, from this line, have to suspicion on the story. Tokio a correspondent of the Times march two hundred miles over mountainsays some hundreds of Cossacks reached ous country to the Yalu river, where they a condition unfitting her for battle for Chonju, thirty miles south of the Yalu will find the Russians strongly entre tiver on the afternoon of February 20th.

ed. If they succeed in forcing this line transports at Port Arthur cannot be exback they will find another strong Rusplained in view of the repeated state-Thirty troopers crossed the river at Kasian line extending from the Yalu to ments that Japan did not intend to land zan-the same evening, thus arriving Mukden. They may then divide their within forty-five miles of Ping Yang, forces, using only one-half to hold the this stage, and the transports could be Korea. A rumor prevails here that the Russians in check, while the other half there for no other reason. Russian Vladivostock squadron has again goes south to besiege Port Arthur. In this event, the Japanese will be liable to A correspondent of the Times at Wei-Hai-Wei says he hears that all the me-chanics at Port Arthur, Dalny and The superintment of Admiral Makages.

The appointment of Admiral Makaroff to the command of the Russian Pacific Vladivostock are Chinese, and that it is impossible for the Russians to repair fleet, has been published in the Gazette A Russian correspondent of the Asso ciated Press at Port Arthur telegraphs ing Post, -under yesterday's date, says 40,000 more Japanese troops have landed patkin to command Russia's military forces in the Far East has been received confirmation of the report that some Jap-anese have landed at Pigeon Bay, others roy Alexieff conferred upon Lieut.-Gen. occurred on the night of February 12th. Stoessel all the rights of commander in of the the fortified district.

Preparations at Harbin.

Yang, Korea, which is regarded as heralding the approach of the opposing Paris, Feb. 24.-In a dispatch from Harbin, Manchuria, a correspondent of the Matin says ambulances are being According to the Standard's carresordent at Seoul, the Japanese bom-sent there from all parts of Russia, and that the Baltic railroad has furnished a tween the 8th and 14th of February, sanitary train for 200 wounded. A dispatch from Port Arthur, pub

The report is confirmed, this correspondent continues, that miles of rail-road track and some important bridges

Herbit A dispatch Thom Foll Arthur, purpose lished this morning, denies categorically the reports of a new attack by Japan-road track and some important bridges

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Herbit A dispatch Thom Foll Arthur, purpose the property of a new attack by Japan-road track and some important bridges have been destroyed between Harbin and Vladivostock.

Harbin and Vladivostock. The Russian colony at Seoul has taken be a great advantage to the Japanese, refuge in the legation at Chemulpo and as Viadivostock is known to be very in the offices of the Russian East China The allegation is made, according to

the Japanese have dethroned the Em-

burg give various sensational reports of try. Eighty-two women are following a political nature. The Talegraph, for courses in ambulance work at the ceninstance, says the Russian government tral hospital there. The Purchase of Warships.

Special dispatches from St. Peters peror of Korea and annexed the coun-

eign office conclusive reasons for his of the admiralty, replying to criticisms Russian strength north of Yalu is varirefusal. two Chilean battleships built in Great thousand.

tleships instead of three, as previously tended. Had the Chilean ships passed into the hands of another power, the secretary continued, the balance of naval strength would have been seriously

United States Fleet.

Washington, Feb. 23.—United States naval officials are considering earnestly the strengthening of the American Asiatic fleet in view of the vast interests of the United States in the Philippines and in China and Korea, and the probability that disturbances may nece tate their protection at any time. While the fleet is regarded as too small there is a desire to avoid exciting the suspi-cion of interfering. A high official tonight said that events are moving so rapidly that it is impossible to tell what a day's developments may demand. Rear-Admiral Evans has cabled the navy department expressing a wish to remain in the Far East for the present. He feels the situation is extremely important and offers to remain, although his tour of sea duty is up-next month. The department has cabled him, leaving the matter entirely to his own judgment. nouncement was made to-night that the department had every confidence in the wisdom of Admiral Evans's decision.

REPORTED REPULSE OF JAPS.

Paris, Feb. 24.—A dispatch to the Havas Agency from Port Arthur says hat four Japanese cruisers and two Japanese transports have been sunk in fresh attack on Port Arthur.

The dispatch adds that the attack was repulsed and the Russian battleship Retvizan covered herself with glory.

ANOTHER REPORT. Steamer Arrives at Chefoo With Story

of Several Japanese Warships Being Disabled. Chefoe, Feb. 24.-The steamer Governour Jaeschi, while passing Port Arthur at 3 o'clock this morning, heard

neavy firing in that direction. There is a persistent report abroad that several Japanese warships have been disabled, but so far it is unconfirm-

Another steamer passing Dalny about the same time that the Governour Jaeschi was off Port Arthur, reports that she heard no firing. Thirteen warships are said to have passed Wei-Hai-Wei to-day heading

original fleet. JAPS REPULSED.

Four Battleships Reported Damaged By Russians and Run Aground,

Paris, Feb. 24.—The foreign office redispatch from the French consulate at "The Russians have repulsed a Japanese attack upon Port Arthur.

"Four Japanese battleships were dam aged and run aground."

Washington, Feb. 24.—The Japanese M. Jeletz, a military expert, who is to ed to the fact that both the reports to accompany General Kouropatkin to the that effect emanate from Russian sources ront, predicts that the Japanese will and herefore should be accepted with make their base of operations along the cuution. Furthermore, the reference to

troops on the Liao Tung peninsula at

ATTACK LAST NIGHT.

eral Vessels Said to Have Been Damaged, But Nationality Not Given.

Shanghai, Feb. 24.-1.35 p. m.-The-Russian consul and the commander of the Russian gunboat Mandjur, now in these waters, received an official telegram to-day announcing that the Japanlast night.

The dispatch added that six vessels were reported to be disabled, but that the character and nationality of the ships were unknown.

A MISTAKE.

No Russian Confirmation of a Victory Over the Japs at Port Arthur.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 24.-It appears that four Japanese battleships and two Japanese transports had been sunk in a they fresh attack on Port Arthur was given out as official by mistake.

There is no official confirmation here of a Russian victory at Port Arthur.

RUSSIAN SOLDIERS'

Main Force Still on the North Side of the Yalu River.

Tokio, Feb. 24.-Reliable reports from Northern Korea indicate that the Rusriver. Their scouts have, it is rumored, penetrated into the country south of the Porte for the exit of the Black Sea fleet, but M. Stinovieff, the amston in the House of Commons to-day of to be confident that the Russians are Wiju, but the main force will remain bassador, declined to make this request, the supplementary navy estimates and was able to give the Russian for amoutaing to \$6,350,000, the secretary tempt a movement into Korea. The