"At 10 o'clock Tuesday morning three Japanese cruisers passed Port Arthur in sight of the Russian fleet. The whole Russian fleet immediately weighed anchor and went after them, but returned

in half an hour. 'The Russians left one cruiser outside to watch for the Japanese ships. The on Monday night. cruiser with the torpedo boats is reported

morth of Chefoo.' two battleships disabled are the abled armored cruiser Retzivan, and the ped entirely at three o'clock in the morn-grounded battleships block the entrance ing." to the harbor, preventing gunboats from getting out and battleships and cruisers from going in to coal.

gunboats Variag and Koratz caught at minutes to three," he contin

Vladivostock. The Japanese fleet was commanded by Vice-Admiral Togo and consisted of four fast cruisers, the Chitoso, Kasagi, Taga-fago and Yoshino, which circled outside, drawing the fire of the Russians, and all went into attack the armored cruisers. In the Japanese fleet, which consisted of two divisions, were the Mikasa (the flagship), the first-class battleships Shai,
Fuji, Yashima, Shikas, Hima, Hatsuse

vessel and none of the Russian ships and the dispatch boat Tatsuma. The second division of the fleet, un-

der command of Admiral Kammimura on the flagship Idsumo, consists of the Lwate. When seen by the Foochow on Tuesday morning the fast cruisers were circling in a radius of six miles. No torpedo boats were seen, and it is possible that they left the vicinity after the torpedo attack on Monday night. The ssian fleet outside of the harbor consisted of the battleships Petropaulovak, flagship; Perseviet, sub-flagship; Pobieda, Pottava, Czarevitch, Retzivan and Sebastopola and the cruisers Novik, Boyarin Bayan, Diana, Pallada, Askold and

The disabled hattleships are inside Forts Huan Ching Shan and Chi Kwan and a twelve-inch shell landed near the Daring Manoeuvring.

Chefoo, Feb. 9 .- The Japanese consul formerly stationed at Dalny, who has just returned to Chefoo from Dalny, says that he passed a Japanese fleet going in the direction of Port Arthur. The cruiser Boyarin is outside, but

within range of the forts. A naval officer who was recently a Port Arthur, says the Russians were not cient amount of steam up. A boat pa-Doats were not noticed until after the first torpedo was fired. The Russians the ships were lrightened but the Japanese did not fire and backed off.

An hour later the discharge of torpedoes was repeated, after which the withdrew to some dis-

At 10 o'clock Tuesday morning the not engaged. The Russians returned toward the harbor after an hour. The Japanese came within three miles. A forts and fourteen ships and the sixteen ese shells were effective, but as far as seen the Russian shots fell short.

The Japanese eet was steaming to-ward Dalny when last seen. It is probable that the Japanese fleet

Japanese, and the heavy fire concentrated on her compelled her to retire, on from Sasbo to some point in Korea. The the battleships, Japanese are reported to be in possession

The Russian war vessels at Vladivostock are the armored cruisers Rurik, Rossia, Gromobok and the Bogayr, a has 1,000 tons of coal at Port Arthur, the shore and under the guns of the battleships in lighters until the battle ships disabled by the Japanese are seen throwing beds and lumber over-board. The Russian ships constantly More Ships Damaged,

following official bulletin has just been mation. The latter retire issued in the form of a telegram from line to the southeastward."

Viceroyd Alexieff's chief of staff, dated

Landing of Japan February 9th:

"By order of the Viceroy I beg to report that this day, at about 11 o'clock in the morning, a Japanese squadron, consisting of about fifteen battleships and cruisers, approached Port Arthur and opened fire

guns of our squadron, which also participated in the engagement. At about midday the Japanese squad-

ron ceased its fire and left, proceeding "Our losses in the fleet were two offi-

cers wounded, nine men killed and forty-one wounded. On the shore batteries one man was killed and three wounded. "The battleship Pallada and cruiser Novik, each had a hole knocked in her

side below the water line. The forts were slightly damaged. (Signed) Major-

## The Russian Losses.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 10.—(6.20 a. m.) -A second telegram has been received from Viceroy Alexieff. It is dated Feoruary 9th, and says:

"A Japanese squadron of fifteen battleships and cruisers to-day began to bombard Port Arthur. The fortress re plied and the squadron weighed anchor in order to participate in the battle."

A third telegram from the Viceron says that after a bombardment lasting one hour the Japanese squadron ceased its firing and steamed southward. "Our losses," the Viceroy continues, "are two naval officers and fifty-one men wounded and nine men killed on the coast and one killed and three wounded.

"During the engagement the battleships Poltava and the cruisers Diana, Askold and Novik were each damaged on the water line. The damage to the fortress was not important.'

Admiral Alexieff, amplifying his first telegram to the Czar on the torpedo boat action, now telegraphs as follows: "I most humbly report to your Majesty that the three injured vessels were not sunk mor were their boilers or engines dam-The Czarevitch received a hole in ther steering department and her rudder was damaged. The Retzivan was damaged in her pumping apparatus under the water line and the Pallada was injured

amidships not far from her engines.
"After the explosion the cruisers hastened immediately to their assistance, ... Me. Addrand in spite of the dark night measures fale, N. Y. tened immediately to their assistance,

soon followed by a Russian cruiser, were taken to bring the damaged vessels landed and the march to Seoul com- 1 6. Cruiser Novik, hole below wato the harbor. We had no loss in our cers. Two marines were killed, five were drowned and eight were wounded. Some division of the Japanese troops also langed at an energy were drowned and eight were wounded. Some division of the Japanese troops also langed at an energy were drowned and eight were wounded. Some division of the Japanese troops also langed at an energy were drowned and eight were wounded. were found after the attack."

Another Account. Paris, Feb. 10.-The correspondent at Chefoo of the Paris edition of the New York Herald describes in a dispatch

At 8 o'clock the lighthouse was light- sian advance has commer and the other Russian vessels took up ed and the guiding lights were burning their anchors and cruised around, the Only one Russian warship was using her searchlight, and this in a leisurely within three miles and a battle com-menced. The Japanese fired on the ships trolling on the outskirts of the fleet, all and forts, which replied. The Russian the others were inside the basin. A ships were struck by shells but were deep silence settled down, but this was slightly damaged. The Russian fire fell disturbed at half-past eleven o'clock by from Hai Cheng, and three batteries of the fifth brigade are at Kin Chou. while the fight was in progress, but ing began, and the searchlights were later saw the Japanese fleet leave. One used but without much method

"I watched the operations," the correspondent goes on, "thinking that they Pallada and the Czarevitch. The dis- when the firing almost ceased. It stopwere only manoeuvring at midnight.

The correspondent describes the arrival and beaching of the Russian warships, which were at first supposed to Besides this Japan has the Russian have been in collision. But at twenty Chemulpo. They were bound for sian naval officers boarded the steamer Columbia in a great state of excitement, saying the vicercy had ordered the Co-lumbia not to attempt to leave. This was apparently done, with the idea of preventing the ship from acquainting the Japanese with the extent of the Russian damage. After daybreak a strange apathy seemed to possess the Russians.

"The white-faced gaping crews crowdvessel and none of the Russian ships showed a disposition to chase the enemy or fire a single shot till the Japanese had departed at twenty minutes past eight, when the Russians started in purarmored cruisers Yakuma, Asama and suit, going in towards Port Dalny. They returned, however, at a quarter past

nine without having fired a shot. "It apparently having occurred to them that the Japanese had effected a complete surprise, owing to their bad outlook, the Russians have now outside the harbor five battleships and five cruisers, besides seventeen torpedo boats and other small vessels.

"It was almost 11 o'clock when the Japanese squadron of sixteen ships, in-cluding five battleships, appeared in fine torpedo boats grouped near the entrance of the harbor. The aim was splendid.

"Owing to confusion on the part of the ntine officials, or perhaps because the Russians thought the Japanese would not like to fire near the British flag, the Columbia was close to the Russian fleet and in the line of fire, and the Japanese shells fell thickly around her, several bursting near by and strewing her decks with splinters. The capprepared for the attack and had insuffi- tain of the Columbia, in spite of protests of the Russian guard, got his ves-

> the Russian batteries would sink them for disobeying orders, the captain's repeated signals for permission to proceed having been ignored.

"The bombardment lasted until a quar-Japanese cruisers circled within view of ter of twelve. The Japanese aimed their the whole Russian fleet, but they were fire well, two shells bursting at the summit of one fort and a number on the cliff and the beach.

"All were heavy shells. The rate of Japanese vessels. A few of the Japan- of the damage could not be ascertained. "Apparently no ship on either side was disabled. The Russian cruiser Novik fought pluckily, keeping closer by far than any other Russian vessel to the

first outside the lines of hattleshins "The Russians seem to fight with little formation, but this was probably due to the cramped space, they being never Russia more than one and one-half miles from More Ships Damaged, wheeled around in the same position St. Petersburg, Feb. 10, 1 a. m.—The while the Japanese kept in splendid for The latter retired slowly

Landing of Japs.

London. Feb. 10.-In a dispatch from ported there that the Russian cruisers Variag and Korietz, at Chemulpo, haul-The enemy was received with a can- el down their flags without firing a shot, aon fire from the shore batteries and the and that 8,000 Japanese immediately

Red is the color of danger, whether on the semaphore or on the skin. When the face is reddened by eruptions, when boils break out on the body, or the angry red of sores and ulcers is displayed in the flesh, it is nature's danger signal. The blood is obstructed and tainted by impurities, and there can be safety until the blood is

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impure blood.

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together three divisions of the Japanese Guards each of 12,000 men, have been obilized. It appears the corresponding continues, that the Russian warships at Vladivestock are icebound.

York Herald describes in a dispatch the tranquil appearance of Port Arthur Mail telegraphs from Port Arthur, under date of February 9th, that the Rus Krastalinsky will leave Liao Yang to-morrow for the Yalu river at the head of the third brigade of artillery, consist ing of 24 guns and three regiments of infantry brigades are entrenched along

> The greatest activity prevails here and ammunition is being served out at an average of 150 cartridges per man. New recruits are being enrolled with feverish dispatch. A dispatch to the Daily Mail from

> Tokio, dated February 9th, says a plot is on foot at Seoul to bring 20,000 soldiers from Panyan to take the Korean Emperor to the French legation, to which place the imperial treasury, has already been conveyed. In a dispatch from Chefoo dated February 9th, a correspondent of the Daily

Express says:
"The Japanese at Port Arthur, an ad rance squadron of the Japanese fleet, un ler command of Vice-Admiral Togo, and comprising sixteen battleships and cruis ers, with a numerous torpedo fleet, left the main fleet off Shantung peninsula on Sunday. Immediately that the news of the diplomatic rupture became known, this information was conveyed to the patched from Tsushima on Saturday evening. The Japanese scouting cruisers had given accurate information of the precarious situation of the Russian fleet outside Port Arthur. The squadron steamed slowly in battle formation Sunday, mid-day, towards its goal, and came within sight of Port Arthur under cover of darkness. It cruised slowly outside without showing lights. The Russians were lying in the roadstead, apparently feeling secure from attack. Nearly all the Japanese torpedo boats were

who were completely surprised. A great order. At a quarter past 11 there came the first flash from a Japanese vessel ers, who, however, escaped unharmed, and the Retvizan, the Czarevitch and the Pallada were almost immediately tor-

patched on their dangerous and daring

pedoed "The Japanese dashed along the line of the Russians, exposed by this time to a terrible fire from machine guns and small arms from both the ships and the

"There was the utmost consternation escaping practically unscratched and re-joining the admiral's fleet outside. The harbor. The harbor. The harbor. The harbor. joining the admiral's fleet moved in within a range of two and one half miles and opened fire on the Russians. The battle is understood to be still raging and the wild-derstood to be due to the former. The were no casualties on the Tananese side."

A dispatch to Reuter's Telegraph Company from Tientsin says: French transport with a battalion of troops from Tonquin is hourly expected at Shan Hai Kwan (on the Gulf of Liao Tung) to garrison the forts which are being vacated by the Russians. It is reported that the tri-color of France Japanese came within three miles. A "All were heavy shells. The rate of was hoisted there this morning, and that heavisian between the Russian farts and fourteen ships and the sixteen sian battleships were hit, but the extent sian battleships were hit, but the extent large respectively. The rate of was hoisted there this morning, and that heavisian battleships were hit, but the extent sian battleships were hit, but the extent large respectively. The rate of was hoisted there this morning, and that he was hoisted there this morning. occupation. At present there is only a

> General Ventors, and his chief of staff proceeded to Shan Hai Kwan this morning."
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> an important fleet action at Port Arthur.
> The Russian vessels are not likely to give

"The other Russian cruisers fought at first outside the lines of battleships."

The other Russian cruisers fought at reported that the Russian mail steamer ("By going to the Chinese side, how-Mongolia, which left Shanghai Sunday, even, the Japanese fleet, by high angle Associated Press understands the latter

ing of troops, one army corps at Fusan | said: ope of breaking up the Russian's nerve. | clearly to be due to the suspicion that The troops landing at Ping Yang will be Russia might find a pretext for military pushed towards the Manchurian fron- action against China. tier. Those at Fusan will proceed to Japanese troops is completed.

Report of Another Fight.

Tokio, Feb. 10.-It is reported here Chemulpo to-day.

m and continued until 3 p.m. The smaller Russian vessel is reported have been sunk and the larger fired ing resorted to arms, we shall possibly go nd hopelessly disabled. A part of the ew is reported to have escaped to the during the negotiations." ore and to have been captured.

It was reported yesterday that the tussian cruisers Korctz and Variag were ying at Chemulpo yesterday, and it is cossible they were the vessels reported

to have been engaged. \_\_0\_ RUSSIAN LOSSES.

Eleven Warships Which Have Been Pu Out of Action.

London, Feb. 10 .- A summary of the losses sustained by Russia in the first twenty-four hours of the war with Japan shows that eleven Russian warships were placed out of action in one way or another, and that

the Japanese did not lose a ship. The losses were as follows: Battleship Retvizan, torpedoed and beached at Rort Arthur. 2. Battleship Czarevitch, torpedoed

and beached at Port Arthur. 3. Battleship Poltava, hole below water line, at Port Arthur. Armored cruiser Boyar, dis-

abled by Japanese fire at Port Ar-5. Cruiser Pallada, torpedoed at Port Arthur and beached.

. Cruiser Askold, hole below, water line, at Port, Arthur. 8. Cruiser Diana, hole below water line, at Port Arthur.

9. First class armored cruiser Variage, destroyed at Chemulpo,

Korea. 10. Torendo gun vessel Korietz, destroyed at Chemulpo, Korea.

11. Gunboat Mandjo, said to have been seized by the Japanese at Nagasaki, Japan.

Another report, however, says the andjo is at Shanghai. The Japanese fleet engaged seems to have consisted of two divisions under Admiral Kimarura, on the flagship Idzumo (armored cruiser), and Vice-Admiral Logo on the flagship Asahi (battleship).

The Japanese vessels engaged were apparently in addition to the o and Asahi, the battleship Fuji, the cruiser Oshima, the bat-tleship Shikizima, the battleship Hatsuse, the armored cruiser Yakumo, the armored cruiser Asama, the armored cruiser Iwate, the cruiser Chitose, the cruiser Kasaji, the cruiser Aksago and the torpedo gun-

TRANSPORTS AND TROOPS Reported to have Been Taken by the Japanese Off the Korean Coast.

London, Feb. 10 .- A special dispatch from Tokio, dated to-day, says it is reported that three transports of the Russian volunteer fleet, conveying about 2,000 troops, have captured by the Japanese off the Korean coast.

TWO CRUISERS SUNK. Confirmation of the Report of Sinking of Russian Ships at Chem-

London, Feb. 10.-Baron Hayashi, the Japanese minister here, has received official information from Tokio of the out of port. destruction at Chemulpo of the Russian first class cruiser Variage and the third tude towards the Japanese vessels and

A dispatch to the Central News from latter discharged two torperdoes ineffected.

Port Arthur says: "The Japanese fleet tually, and then the Koreitz returned to returned here on Tuesday afternoon and her anchorge in port. again bombarded the Russian fleet and "They rushed full steam on the enemy, forts, but that it soon withdrew. The Admiral Urik, commanding the Japanese ho were completely surprised. A great losses to the Russians, the dispatch says, were small. During the firing a Jap- warships to leave Chemulpo before noon anese cruiser grounded."

Official dispatches from Tokio, received by Baron Hayashi, say the Jap- pelled to attack them in the harbor. nese admiral, on arriving at Chemulpo, Korea, sent in word to the two Russian port at about 1.30 a. m., and a battle cruisers giving them a time limit in resulted outside.
which to leave. Shortly afterwards the "After about an hour's engagement which to leave. Shortly afterwards the Russians came out and attacked a Jap. the Russian warships sought refuge anese torpedo beat, which replied with among neighboring islands, a torpedo ineffectively. A general examong the Russians, which probably acceptange of shots then followed. After a cruiser Variage sank, and at about 4 a. counted for the Japanese torpedd boats het fire the Russians returned to Chem. m. to-day (February, 10th) the

derstood to be still raging and the ward of both the Russian vessels sought est reports are current. The Chinese est reports are current. The Chinese population of Chefoo is in a frenzy of population of Chefoo is in a frenzy of ulpo. There were no casualties among the reports that the Japcrews of both the Russian vessels sought anese, who they now regard as their the Japanese, and their vessels sustained friends, scored the first victory.

JAPAN'S PLANS.

When Troops Are Landed in Kores of Another Fight Is Expected at Port Arthur London, Febr 10 .- "Wes were slow in

"The engagements at Fort Arthur and Chemulpo were merely in accordance single sentry guarding the flag.

The British commander here, Brig.- with plans matured. As soon as forces are landed in Korea, I look for A dispatch to Reuter's Telegram Company from Shanghai says it is credibly reported that the Russian mail steamer

The Russian vessels are not likely to give up the advantage they gained by being under the cover of their land batteries.

The Russian vessels are not likely to give to the powers concerning the neutrality under the cover of their land batteries.

The Russian vessels are not likely to give to the powers concerning the neutrality under the cover of their land batteries. has been captured by the Japanese of fire, can drop in shells which would make it very uncomfortable for the Ruspurchased the Chilean warships Capitan other. Thereby, it is hoped, to drive out

Pratt, Chacabuco and Almirante Con-Viceroy Alexieff's forces, Possibly, like the war and avoid fresh subjects of in dell.

Admiral Cervera, he may anticipate fate ternational dispute. The step is regard Baron Hayashi says the Japanese and come into the open of his own active is not likely to blockade Port Arthur thur. His knowledge of Japanese naval plans, as tentatively prepared, leads him and others here to believe that the Japanese Russian displace. The step is regarded by the foreign office as an able move. The present events merely go to show the utter uselessness of Port Arthur from a strategic view point."

Dealing with Secretary Hay's note to sain engagements and the deductions to

and two at Ping Yang, Korea. Night | "The neutrality of China was first sug-London. Feb. 10.—In a dispatch from torpedo attacks on the part of the Jap- gested by my government, and we re- Tientsin, dated February 9th, a corression feet will, it is believed, be kept up ceived assurances that Chinese neutrality pondent of the Daily Mail says it is re- so long as the Russian fleet maintains would be strictly observed. Japan will ables Japan, in the opinion of the naval its necessarily open position outside of certainly agree most heartily to Secre- experts here, to conduct her landing Port Arthur. This will be done in the tary. Hay's proposal, which appears operations unmolested. It is believed

> "If, however, the United States and tier. Those at Fusan will proceed to Seoul. Unless Viceroy Alexieff assumes other powers contemplate the neutrality fire and locate the guns on the shore. the aggressive no serious naval battle is expected until the disembarkation of the complicated. So long as there are Russian troops in Manchuria Japan cannot regarded it as neutral territory. I scarcely
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> A contrast is also made between the regard it as neutral territory. I scarcely any power would be willing to drive the All the former were docked within six that the Japanese fleet engaged and defeated two Russian warships whose much they might insist that Manchuria ames have not yet been learned, at is part of neutral China. So while we are anxious to assist in assuring the It is said the engagement began at 11 neutrality of China proper, we have year. every intention of waging an aggressive

further than our modest demands made According to the official advices re The Japanese ships are reported to be ceived by Baron Hayashi, only four batlightly damaged.

Official confirmation of the report is the present been landed at Chemulpo, Korea.

RUSSIANS CLAIM VICTORY. St. Petersburg Papers Publish Uncon

firmed Story That Seven Japanese Ships Were Crippled. St. Pettersburg, Feb. 10, 5.30 p.m.-

The people are demonstrating, but the first the first port, and the announcement is discredition of the last responsive pronegotiations broken off and diplomatic Logo. relations with Russia dissolved.

REPORT JAPANESE ROUT. Telegrams Received at Vladivostock Say Russian Move on Yalu River Was Successful.

Vladivostock, Feb. 10.-Private telegrams received here report the complete rout of the Japanese by the Russians on thur. the Yalu river These advices also claim that Che-

sian soldiers and marines DELAY AIDED RUSSIA.

Military Men Declare the Country Now Ready For All Emergencies. New York, Feb. 10.-All the members of the reserves have been commanded to remain at their present abodes, so that hey can be found easily when it is decidto call them out, says a dispatch to

the Times from a Russian correspondent, who says that one company of every regiment of guard troops in the district of St. Petersburg and Moscow is to be sent to the Far East.

Cabling from Moscow, a Times correspondent says. "Russian military respondent says." espondent says: "Russian military men not conceal their satisfaction at the success of Russia's five months' delay. They declare their country to-day is ready for contingencies which would have day of the French occupation of been awkward a few months ago. They Hai Kwan, on the mouth of the Yalu appear to be satisfied that Japan can never succeed in forcing Russia's land this

uppermost in the naval campaign." BRITAIN'S NEUTRALITY. Proclamation Will Be Drawn Up at

position, even though she comes

Special Meeting of the Cabinet. London, Feb. 10 .- It was announced the House of Commons to-day that proclamation of British neutrality will drawn up at a special cabinet meet ing to-morrow.

SINKING OF CRUISERS. Story of Fight Off Chemulpo, Which Resulted in Loss of Two Russian Ships.

London, Feb. 10.-Baron Hayashi's official advices regarding the battle of Chemulpo is as follows: "On Monday a Japanese squadron, es corting transports now on the way to Chemulpo, Korea, met the Russian gunboat Koreitz as the latter was coming

"The Koreitz took up an offensive attifired on the Japanese torpedo boats.

"Early in the morning of Tuesday The Admiral added that if his demand was not complied with he would be com "The two Russian warships left the

Japanese side."

CZAR DECLARES WAR. Russian Ambassador Makes the Announcement to United States Sec-

retary of State. Washington, Feb. 10.-Count Cassini the Russian amhassador, called on Sec retary of State Hay about noon to-day, and left with him the announcement that the Czar had declared war on Japan.

HAS GREAT ADVANTAGE. Japan's Success Against Russia Has Practically Given Her Command of the Sea.

Berlin, Feb. 10.-Secretary Hay's nor anese fleet is now lying between Chefoo the powers on the subject of preserving the drawn therefrom. One conviction the integrity of China, Baron Hayashi was that Japan had acquired such a superiority that her command of the sea practically results. The unwillingness of the Russian fleet at Port Arthur to leave the protection of the shore batteries er Port Arthur will be invested on the land

side as quickly as possible. One of the Japanese objects in gaging the forts, it was further pointed condition of Japanese and Russian shins weeks and every bit of internal appar

CZAR'S MANIFESTO.

the Challenge of the

Japanese.

"In our solicitude for the maintenance

"Supreme Manifesto:

atus was in perfect order and tuned up Commander Travelled as Servant and for action, while the Russian vessels After Noting Location of Russians was added, had not been docked for a Reported to Admiral.

rom Chefoo to the Herald the correspondent says he interviewed the Japan-Commanded Viceroy Alexieff to Accept ment that the Japanese minister at St. Petersburg was withdrawn on February 6th, he chartered a British vessel and St. Petersburg, Feb. 10.-The official went to Port Arthur and Dalny to take Messenger this morning contains the following:

Went to Port Arthur and Dalny to take off refugees. He was afforded every fallowing: at Port Arthur. Quarantine was re-"By the grace of God, We, Nicholas moved and the consul entered the town I., Emperor and Autocrat of all the Rusin official dress. He was saluted by the sias, make known to all of our loyal soldiers and invited to dinner by a high

Arthur. Three Japanese warships and been seriously crippled. One report says the Japanese battleship Shikishima was affairs existing between the two government to the Port Arthur, and noted the exact position of the Russian ships, and also that they had not got steam up, and were that they had not got steam up, and were ship and others got ashore. ments. However, the negotiations begun | not keeping a sharp lookout. As soon as

> "I saw this commander, who wishes destroyed." "Without advising us of the fact that his name withheld," says the correspondent a breach of such relations would in itself mean an opening of warlike operations, the Japanese government issued orders to its torpedo boats to suddenly attack our squadron standing in the front of all was the Augura, the only outer harbor of the fortress of Port Ar-ship which had searchlights." It will

Japanese challenge with armed fire.
"Making known this, our decision, we with unshaken faith in the help of the -A dispatch to Reuter's Tele-

London, Feb. 11.-7.30 p. m.

gram Co., from Tokio, dated

7.10 p. m. yesterday, says an

unofficial report was current

there that the Russian fleet was

destroyed, four battleships and

three cruisers being sunk, and

that two Japanese warships

were damaged in an engage-

ment yesterday off Port Arthur,

the Japanese getting between

the Russians and the entrance

of the harbor before the fight

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RUSSIAN VERSION.

Report of Two Days' Bombardment of

Port Arthur and of Japanese

Paris, Feb. 11.-The Journal Des Des-

ts, in a special dispatch from St.

ent of Port Arthur occurred the day

Petersburg, announced that a bombard-

hefore yesterday and again yesterday, and says that the Japanese fleet with-

drew after having suffered severe losses.

To-day it is added all is quiet off Port

ALEXIEFF IS SUPREME.

Has Been Apointed Commander of Land

St. Pefersburg, Feb. 11.-It is officially

nounced that Admiral Alexieff has

been appointed to the supreme command of the Russian land and sea forces in

The minister of finance has issued a

communication in which it warns the beople against becoming panic stricken

and sacrificing securities, as they benefit

nly the speculators. The ministry ex-

ted regarding events in the Far East.

lifficulties, cannot shake Russia's

economic power. It points out that stocks fell at the outbreak of the Russo-

Purkish war in 1877, but that within a

ortnight quotations recovered. These

xperiences, it says, is now being re-

Orders have been issued for the forma-

forts the people to remain calm and co

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he Far East.

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and Sea Forces in Far East,

Losses.

commenced.

Almighty and with a firm expectation of and reliance upon the manimous willingness of all our loyal subjects to stand with us in defence of the fatherland, we ask God's blessing upon our stalwart land and naval forces.

"Given at St. Petersburg, January 27th, 1904 (new calendar February 9th), and the tenth year of our reign."

Imperial Majesty, Nicholas I." NOT CREDITED.

French Officials Have No News Regarding Alleged Occupation of Shan Hai Kwan,

Paris, Feb. 10.-The foreign office disredits the reports from Tientsin yester-Tung. Officials say the negotiations of subject occurred six months without definite results, and the officials believe that the reported arrival of French troops there arose from the shifting of the small garrison detachments. The officials add there certainly can be no significance in the French occupying the forts vacated by the Russians

OFFICALLY CONFIRMED.

Tokio, Feb. 11.-The destruction of the Russian cruiser Variag and the gunboat Koreitz at Chemulpo Tuesday is officially confirmed, but details are lacking. Admiral Urin, commander of the Japanese squadron, sent a cable-

gram to the navy department saving that the two Russian vessels weighed anchor at noon, steamed down the bay and encountered the Japanese fleet while rounding an island at 7 a.m., nine miles from Chemulpo. It is not known who fired the open-

ing shot, but the exchange lasted 34 minutes. The Russian ships withdrew to Chemulpo. The Koreitz exploded about 4.30 o'clock. It is not clear how the Variag was

destroyed. The loss of life and the effect of the shells on the Russians are un-It is possible that the Russian crew aided in the destruction of their

vessels to avoid capture and annihil-The Japanese did not lose a man. and their ships were uninjured.

The name of the Japanese ships are withheld for strategical reasons. The Russian crews, it is reported, surrendered to the Japanese at Che-

Japan is elated by its success of the engagement. It is reported two Russian battle-Monday night at Port Arthur. The navy department does not con firm the report that the Japanese fleet is still off Port Arthur.

Advices of a general naval engagement are hourly expected. The success of the Japanese on the sea would carry enormous advantage and practically decide the war. On paper the fleets are almost equal, alugh the Japanese are confident that their personnel is superior. They say that a drawn battle would be really a Japanese victory on account Russia's lack of facilities to dock and repair her larger craft.

to-day by an Imperial proclamation. FURTHER DETAILS. The Russian Vessels Tried to Escape But Failed-Japs Landed

The existence of a state of war

with Russia was formally announced

Troops. Washington, Feb. 11.-Two cablegrams were received at the state department from United States Minister Allen at Seoul, dated February 10th, both referring to the naval enements off Chemulpo on the 8th

The minister in his first dispatch reports the arrival of twenty-one Japanese naval vessels at Chemulpo the afternoon of the 9th. Two Russian naval vessels, the Variag and Koreitz, were in Chemulpo harbor and attempted to prevent the landing of Japanese forces, but with no success. The foreign naval vessels, the minister says, were generally leav-ing the harbor. There was a report that the Japanese naval vessels had captured the Russian transports off Makpo on the 9th.

The second dispatch says: 'A running naval engagement took place in Chemulpo harbor, beginning about noon. The Variag and Koreitz again attempted to escape, but failed. The Variag was injured. "On their return the Japanese naval essels announced officially that they

would attack the place at 10 o'clock

a.m. At the latter hour the Korietz

blew up and sank. She was a slow vessel, which made it difficult for her to escape. The Japanese naval vessels attacked the Variag from the outside of the harbor, until she HOW JAPS GOT INFORMATION.

New York, Feb. 11.-In a special cable ese consul at Chefoo, who told him that sult. It adds that it considers it strange when he was informed by this governofficial there, a toast was drunk that peace might be restored. After leaving of peace, which is dear to our heart, we made every exertion to consolidate tran-about 18 miles from Port Arthur.

posals of our government, declared the he made a detailed report to Admiral cruiser first, while the Variag protected

thus be seen that the Japanese torpede "Upon receiving reports from the vice- boats carried out an excessively bold roy in the Far East about this, we imme- venture. The Japanese had 16 vessels.

ublic buildings, reside

been made prisoners. "Reports from Chemul the white flag at the last The St. James's Gazettent at Chefoo cables that i of the return of the ene Russians at Port Arthur extra defensive measure and troops are taking do buildings, which it was

MORE STEAMERS C Nenni and Mukden Taken

London, Feb. 11.-A from Port Arthur says th attempted on Wednesday several bays in the neighb Arthur, under the protect of the cruisers. It is asset that all the attempts were A special dispatch from firms the report that the way has been blocked by of a bridge on the line, Russians were killed in the is reported, the dispatch

Lloyds's agent at Shar

BRITAIN'S NEUT Proclamation Signed by

this afternoon, signed

ion of a third Siberian army corps and a trans-Balkan division of Cossacks. These will be incorporated in the Man-Repeating the charges that the Jan anese attack on Port Arthur was made from Wei Hai Wei, on the north of the Shang Tung peninsula, the Novoe

Vremya to-day bitterly assails Great "In allowing Japan to use the harbon as a basis of operations," says the Novoe Vremya, "Great Britain violated the fundamental principles of neutrality. Wei Hai Wei must be regarded hence forth as part of Japanese territory, and Great Britain has forfeited the right to participate in any deliberations over the ventual fate of the harbor.'

The Novoe Vremya further holds that the case is analogous to that of the Alabama, and says Russia is entitled to demand compensation from Great Britain for the losses she has sustained. The rigid censorship still prevents the newspapers this afternoon from receiving war news from either Russian or foreign sources.

All manner of rumors are afloat. The government, however, has taken measures to counteract their publication, for-bidding the sale of the principal offender, the St. Petersburg Gazette. The government expressed great displeasure Russian victory, thus raising false hopes among the population. According to one report here the Russian armored cruiser Gromoboi recently sailed out of Vladivostock destroyed twenty Japanese ransports off Southern Korea and was herself sunk by a Japanese cruiser. Another story claimed that four of the Vladivostock warships, under Admiral Stackelberg, had sunk four Japanese transports. The report of the sinking of the Russian cruiser Variag off Chemulpo was received. Still another was to the effect that the Japanese attack on Port Arthur was a feint to protect the passage of the transports bound to Shan Ki Kwang to land Japanese troops there, and effect a junction with the forces of Yuen Shi Kai, the Chinese commander in-chief, and attack the Russians in the

All the Russian navigation companies having vessels in Far Eastern waters are anxious about their fate. The volunteer fleet is particularly concerned regarding the Ekaterinsky, which left Vladivostock on February 4th, and the Voronj, which left Shanghai laden for Singapore on February 1st. No news of either vessel has been received.

The tone of the press comments to-day is most bitter against the Japanese, which is perhaps significant. The report circulated here that the United States has offered her good services is commented upon only by the Nesti, which emphasises the previous statement that intervention is impossible, and says it doubts whether the offer of good services in the strictest sense would have any rethat the United States has made a distinction between . China and Korea. which, it points out, is also an independent country.

CAPTAIN BLEW SHIP UP. Said to Have Destroyed the Variag After the Crew Had Escaped.

London, Feb. 11.-Reuter's Telegrans

Company correspondent at Tokio, in dispatch timed 9.15 p.m., yesterday, "Details of the Chemulpo fight re Some of the newspapers print extras quility in the Far East. In these peaceclaiming a Russian victory at Port ful aims we signified assent to the problew her up after the crew escaped "Part of the crew swam to a French

> "One report says that the French warthe transport. The Koreitz was soon

> > MADE PRISONERS

Number of Bluejackets From the Variag and Koreitz Captured by Japan.

London, Feb. 11 .- A dispatch to the St. James's Gazette from Tokio, under to-day's date, says: "There are great rejoicings here at the

ses of the Japanese ses are decorated with ing is to be seen every rs the aspect of a cit

"A number of Russian who swam ashore after the tack on the Variag and

of a Japanese bombardme

Reported Unsuccessfu to Land Troo

Russian steamers Nenni belonging to the Chinese way Company, have bee

under date of yesterday, ported, and generally be Japanese warship has Russian mail steamer Me from Shanghai for Dalny The cablegram adds th Russian warships damage at Port Arthur, sank.

at Council Meeting ham Palace London, Feb. 11.—Kir a council held at Buckin declaring Great Britain's ing the war between Rus
The report that Russia The report that Russia to arrange with Turkey Black Sea fleet to pass Dardauelles is revived, a that Russia is trying to-Britain's consent. There tive confirmation of the results of the

LAYING MIN Russians Busy at Dal Leave Kobe and Y To-Morrow

New York, Feb. 11.—Stare leaving by the Germa Gera for China, says a from Nagasaki. The Yarya, which will sail f on February 12th, will esian consuls from Kobe back to Europe. Baron graphed his compatriots "Pray do not delay your It is reported that subhave been laid at Daln

NOTICE TO CAN Notified to Remain Neutr

Between Japan and Ottawa, Feb. 11.-An ex ada Gazette will be issue with a notice from the s notifying all Canadians to and take no part for either between Japan and Rus that a proclamation to thi The Secretary of State

grams from Canadians a safety of missionaries in of these missionaries in ous about them. OVER-ESTIMA Russia Had Only Fifty

in Field During t Troubles. London, Feb. 11.—Cabli the correspondent of the I serts that the habitual or the Russian forces in the due to the claim, arising troubles, put forward by Russian minister at Pekin, negotiations at Pekin in demnity of £17,000,000 on Russia had put 179,000 n number of their men was

Russian Garrison Has Be How Japs Spread Their Succes Tientsin Feb. 11.-The was withdrawn yesterday Kwan. The post offices to the French authorities. Yuen Shika, governor of and commander-in-chief ned a proclamation fo of the secret societies. The Japanese are floodi

TIENTSIN EVAC

Japanese successes agains WAITING Japanese Warships Read Russian Gunboat Ma She Leaves Sha

with newspapers containing

Shanghai, Feb. 11.-Th boat Mandjur is still her stood that two Japanese waiting here at the mot Tse Kiang. RUSHING WORK ON Contractors Promised Bo

St. Petersburg, Feb. 11.-Irkutsk, Siberia, says ord sued to have the railway covered Lake Baikal con ary 28th. The contra sed a bonus of \$1,500 earlier completion. PRICES ADVAN

Completion of th

Silk Has Gone Up Ten I tives Going Back New York, Feb. 11.-War already has affected the market in the United State ity of prominent importi just announced advances on habutti and other silk f

tured in Japan. They give