

JAPS' FIRST BLOW WAS A HARD ONE.

Followed By Report of a Second Fight, With More Casualties for Russia.

Japs Steal Into Port Arthur and Torpedo Two of the Czar's Best Battleships-- British Passenger Ship Gets Mixed Up Between the Combatants.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 10--A. m.--The following official bulletin has just been issued in the form of a telegram from Viceroy Alexieff, chief of staff, dated Feb. 9--

"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 15 battleships and cruisers approached Port Arthur and opened fire. The enemy was received with a cannonade from the shore batteries and the guns of our squadron, which also participated in the engagement.

"At about midday the Japanese squadron ceased its fire and left, proceeding south. "Our losses in the fleet were two officers wounded, nine men killed and 41 men wounded. On the shore batteries one man was killed and three wounded. The battleship Polevaya and the cruiser Novik each had a hole knocked in her side below the waterline. The forts were slightly damaged.

(Signed) "MAJOR GENERAL FLUG"

JAPS REPORTED TO HAVE DESTROYED TWO MORE RUSSIANS.

Tokio, Feb. 9--It is reported here that the Japanese fleet engaged and defeated two Russian warships, whose names have not yet been learned, at Chemulpo today. It is said the engagement began at 11 a. m. and continued until 3 p. m. A smaller Russian vessel is reported to have been sunk and the larger one fired and hopelessly disabled.

An Eyewitness Story of the Battle. The Foo, Feb. 9--A member of the crew of the Columbia tells this story of the naval battle at Port Arthur--

The Columbia was lying in the roadstead, surrounded by fourteen Russian battleships and cruisers. At 11:30 o'clock Monday night a severe shock was felt on board the Columbia. The Russians immediately commenced to operate their searchlights and opened fire toward the sea. None of the vessels were damaged above the water line. More shocks from torpedoes were felt during the early morning.

Two Russian Cruisers Surrender Without Firing a Shot. London, Feb. 10--In a despatch from (Ten) Tsu, dated Feb. 9, a correspondent of the Daily Mail says it is reported here that the Russian cruisers Varieg and Korietz hauled down their flags without firing a shot, and that 8,000 Japanese immediately landed at Chemulpo and the march to Seoul commenced.

Cheng, and three batteries of the fifth brigade are at Kin Chou. The greatest activity prevails here, and ammunition is being served lavishly. Japs Caught the Russians Napping. The Foo, Feb. 9--The British steamer Columbia, which arrived here today from Port Arthur, bringing news of the attack by the Japanese fleet upon the Russian fleet, reports that the Columbia has a narrow escape from injury. Her passengers and crew were very much excited.

San Francisco, Feb. 10--A cablegram to the Associated Press from Nagasaki states that the Russian cruiser Varieg, which was reported to have been sunk yesterday at Chemulpo by the Japanese fleet, was captured and arrived at Sasebo. It is also reported at Nagasaki that in addition to the Russian vessels damaged in the torpedo attack at Port Arthur, that seven other vessels were captured.

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flagship Idzumo (armored cruiser) and Vice-Admiral Togo, on the flagship Asahi (battleship). The Japanese vessels engaged were apparently, in addition to the Idzumo and Asahi, the battleship Fuji, the cruiser Oshima, the battleship Shikishima, the battleship Hatause, the armored cruiser Yakumo, the armored cruiser Asama, the armored cruiser Iwate, the cruiser Chitose, the cruiser Kasagi, the cruiser Takasago and the torpedo gunboat Yoshino.

Japs Seize Masampih. Tokio, Feb. 10--Japan seized Masampih Sunday and departed a heavy force there. Japan will fortify the port and establish a naval and military base there. The correspondent of the Daily Mail at this point, as it controls the Korean channel, and is an excellent base for future operations.

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British's consent. There is no authoritative confirmation of the report. During Visit to Port Arthur by Japanese Admiral. New York, Feb. 11--In a special cable from Cheo Foo to the Herald the correspondent says he interviewed the Japanese consul at Cheo Foo, who told him that when he was informed by his government that the Japanese minister at St. Petersburg was withdrawn on February 6, he chartered a British vessel and went to Port Arthur and Dalny to take off refugees. He was afforded every facility by the Russian government official at Port Arthur. Quarantine was removed and the consul entered the town in official dress. He was saluted by soldiers and invited to dinner by a high official where a toast was drunk that peace might be restored.

American Attaches for Russian Forces. St. Petersburg, Feb. 10--By direction of the authorities at Washington, Ambassador McCormick has asked the Russian officials to permit the following officers to accompany the Russian army in the field-- Col. John B. Kerr, of the general staff; Captain Carl Reichenau, of the Seventeenth Infantry; Captain Geo. E. Gately, of the artillery corps; Captain William J. Jackson, of the engineer corps; Lieut. Newton A. Cully, U. S. N., will be attached to the Russian fleet if the necessary permission is obtained from the naval authorities here.

Japs Did Not Get Her. Shanghai, Feb. 10--The Russian gunboat Mandjur (reported from various sources to be under repairs at Nagasaki (Japan), where she is said to have been seized by the Japanese), is in the harbor here. She has had her hull and funnel repaired and is ready for sea at a moment's notice.

Russia Mobilizing Army Reserves. St. Petersburg, Feb. 10, 11 p. m.--Viceroy Alexieff began today the mobilization of the army reserves in eastern Asia. The publication of extra editions of the newspapers containing accounts of the reported injuries to Japanese ships during the Port Arthur engagements and the sinking of the Japanese battleship Shikishima has led to a demand upon the editors for the source of their information. They replied "It came from the British embassy."

Japan's Declaration of War. Tokio, Feb. 11--The following is the text of the imperial rescript declaring war against Russia, which was issued in Japan yesterday-- "We, by the grace of heaven, Emperor of Japan, seated on the throne occupied by the same dynasty since time immemorial, hereby make proclamation to all our loyal and brave subjects as follows: "We hereby declare war against Russia and we command our army and navy to carry on hostilities against her, in accordance to their duty, with all their strength, and we also command all our competent authorities to make every effort, in pursuance of their duty, to attain the national aim with all the powers within the limits of the law of nations.

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