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WOUNDED RUSSIANS ON HOSPITAL SHIPS

THE OREL CALLED AT SAIGON YESTERDAY

Main Forces of Linevitch's Army Have Reached Kirin—Japanese in Touch With Rearguard.

Manila, April 14.—Rear-Admiral Train, in command of the American fleet in Asiatic waters, received a telegram at 3 o'clock this afternoon from Saigon, the capital and principal port of French Cochinchina, reporting the arrival there of the Russian hospital ship Orel on the morning of April 13th.

JAPS DENY REPORT OF NAVAL ENGAGEMENT

Tokio, April 14.—Noon.—The naval department pronounces the reports of a naval engagement recently off Saigon to be unfounded.

SHIP HAS PROBABLY SICK SAILORS ABOARD

St. Petersburg, April 14, 5:15 p.m.—The admiral's advisers from Saigon do not mention any wounded men being on board the Russian hospital ship Orel, which arrived today.

TRYING TO CHECK JAPANESE ADVANCE

Tokio, April 14.—It is reported that the main forces of the Russians, which retired in the direction of Hainkung, reached Kirin. Their rear guard, which is estimated at 12,000 men, continues in the vicinity of Harlungcheng, closely in touch with the Japanese vanguard.

RUSSIANS FIGHTING AS THEY RETREAT

Tokio, April 14, 3 p.m.—The following announcement was made today: "Our force advancing eastward via Fushan and Hallung road encountered the enemy on the morning of the 12th at Erhhoon, seven miles east of Yingpan. The full strength was one regiment of infantry, six squadrons of cavalry and four guns. Our force then occupied Tsangshai, about 19 miles west of Yingpan."

JAPANESE NOTES AROUSE INTEREST

St. Petersburg, April 14.—Despatches from Whittington showing that Japan officially notified the United States when the rupture with Russia occurred, that no act of hostility would take place until notice of war had been made, when hostilities broke out on February 8th, and the declaration of war was not formally made until on February 10th, attracts much attention.

ment of M. Kurino, former Japanese minister at St. Petersburg, to Foreign Minister Lamater, when he presented the note severing diplomatic relations in which he expressed the hope that the rupture was only temporary, Russia had no reason to anticipate an attack without appearing in the shape of a declaration of war.

RUSSIANS EXPERIMENT WITH SUBMARINE BOATS

Tokio, April 13.—It is reported here that the Russians at Vladivostok are conducting experiments with six submarine vessels, and that these vessels are all of foreign manufacture—French, British and American types.

THE TRIAL OF THE DEFENDER OF PORT ARTHUR

St. Petersburg, April 14.—There is no truth in the report from Cragoo that Lieut.-General Stoessel had been, as a formality, condemned to death by the commission appointed to inquire into the surrender of Port Arthur. His trial only began today.

SAILED DUE EAST FROM MADAGASCAR

London, April 15.—A telegram from Singapore was received here today announcing that the Peninsular & Oriental Steamship Company's steamer Marmora sighted five Russian battleships on April 13rd, in latitude 8 degrees south and longitude 92 degrees east, steering for the Straits of Sunda. The dispatch has no present significance.

JAPANESE WERE DELIVERED TO THE SEA

St. Petersburg, April 15.—Gen. Linevitch, in a dispatch to Emperor Nicholas, dated yesterday, says: "Our cavalry on April 10th found the Japanese in occupation of a hill southward of Mount Gaoelshan, in the valley of the Hun river. The cavalry turned this position and forced the Japanese to evacuate and retire westward."

ADMIRAL SEEKS VICTORY OR DEATH

Paris, April 15.—Gaston Dru telegraphs from St. Petersburg to the Echo de Paris that Admiral Rojestvensky's last telegram before leaving the Pacific, singularly laconic and eloquent. He wrote: "I will not telegraph again before the battle. If I am beaten you will learn it through Tokyo. If I defeat him, I will announce it to you."

WHEN WILL RUSSIANS PROCEED NORTHWARD?

Hongkong, April 15.—Many steamers are arriving here from Durban, Natal, and Cardiff, Wales, apparently waiting for war risks at Hongkong for Japanese have raised and trade is affected.

NO FURTHER NEWS FROM RUSSIAN ADMIRAL

St. Petersburg, April 15, 2:45 p.m.—No further news beyond that contained in the foreign telegrams has been received regarding the squadron commanded by Vice-Admiral Rojestvensky, but the impression continues that he is steering toward the island of Formosa with the intention of giving battle if Admiral Togo accepts the challenge.

POPULATION OF EDMONTON DISTRICT

Catholics Form Only One-Third According to the Last Census Returns for Dominion.

Ottawa, April 14.—As nearly as can be ascertained by an examination of the Dominion census of 1901, the population of present Dominion electoral district of Edmonton was 19,833. Of this number 6,933 are put down as Roman Catholic and 4,144 are put down as "Greek church."

BOILER NEARLY EMPTY

Explosion in the Toronto Customs House Narrowly Averted.

Toronto, April 14.—The Toronto customs house had a narrow escape from being blown up this morning. Shortly after the clerks assembled the building began to fill with smoke and steam.

ARBITRATION TREATIES

The Hague, April 14.—The second chapter of the States-General today approved the arbitration treaties between the Netherlands and Denmark, France and Great Britain.

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