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# ANOTHER SORTIE BY RUSSIAN SHIPS

## Unable to Escape Fire From Jap Land Batteries, Vessels Left Port Arthur Early To-Day. But Returned Later.

### Admiral Kamimura Sends His Report of the Defeat of the Vladivostok Squadron—Six Hundred of the Rurik's Crew Saved.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 15.—The expectation here is that Port Arthur will fall at any moment. It is reported that Vice-Admiral Alexieff has left Mukden hurriedly for Vladivostok on receipt of the news that the illness of Vice-Admiral Bezobrazoff had become so serious that the admiral was not expected to recover.

The exact whereabouts of the Port Arthur batteries is still a mystery. It is believed that the Russian naval forces in the Far East, telegrams reporting them back at Port Arthur have not been confirmed up to this hour. It is apparent that Admiral Togo cannot or will not stay where they have gone. Admiralty officials declare they do not know, but they refuse to believe that out of five ships there has been a single one managed to break through to Vladivostok.

Admiral Togo's report of his own damage mentions only a few ships, which is believed to indicate that the rest have not escaped. It is held that the vessels were not separated, and it is more than probable that they were somewhere except at Port Arthur, the most likely point being between Shanghai and Kinsai, the most southern of three islands, which is on the circular route to Vladivostok.

The Czarvitch was evidently leading for this point when she was compelled by the damages she sustained—some of which were of a serious nature—to return to Vladivostok. In this connection it is interesting to note the presence of the Saddle Islands of four battleships reported in a Shanghai telegram and later said to be four cruisers, presumably the Pallada, Diana and Novik, escorting the crippled flag-ship Askold. These vessels might take advantage of the fact that the Saddle Islands are near the Saddle Islands to sever the Japanese communication with the continent. Persistent reports that the Russian vessels were taken down and remain down, sending the confirmation of the hypothesis that they had agreed to rendezvous at this point en route to Vladivostok if they failed to meet together and to rush the Korean straits.

#### JAPS OCCUPY NEW POSITIONS AT FORTRESS.

Chefoo, Aug. 15.—Junks which arrived here to-day, having left Port Arthur August 13th, brought reports that the Japanese occupied new positions on that day. The firing was heavy, but intermittent, and included that assaults were being continued.

The Russians in Port Arthur are said to be down-hearted. The men who came on the junk declare that the commanders of the Japanese fleet before Port Arthur informed the Russian commander of the place that if the warships which returned to the harbor after the sortie of August 10th, were sunk by the Russians, the Japanese would shell the town with lyddite.

A Chinese who has arrived here from Liao Yang declared that the casualties in the recent fighting in that vicinity have been enormous on both sides.

#### JAPS ARE WAITING FOR RUSSIAN SHIPS.

Kiaochau, Aug. 15.—The Russian battleship Czarvitch and three torpedo boat destroyers are now in the hands of the local German government for repairs, but it is improbable that these vessels will fight again in this war.

Capt. Truppel, chief of the military and civil administration of the protectorate of Kiaochau, after having completed provisions for the neutrality of the crews of the Russian warships during their stay here, proceeded to go on board the Czarvitch. The crew of the battleship were alarmed at the advent of Captain Truppel's party and seized their weapons. They were quickly quieted, however, and the commander of the Czarvitch was informed that it was necessary that the Russian flag be hauled down and remain down, pending the completion of repairs. The Czarvitch's flag was then lowered amid impressive formalities, after which Capt. Truppel visited each of the three destroyers whose flags also were lowered.

It is thought here that if the Russian fleet is repairing their ships they will eventually have to dismantle them because of the superior force of the Japanese which is waiting for them outside the harbor. According to the regulations which govern such conditions the vessels will not be permitted to leave in a hurry, but must go out in intervals of six hours.

It is believed here that the Russian cruisers Pallada and Diana have reached Vladivostok.

#### MORE CRUISERS ARE UNDER SAILING ORDERS.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 15.—The cruiser division of the Baltic squadron has received sailing orders. Some of the vessels have already left Kronstadt and others, including the Olga, will leave in a few days. The division may go around the Cape of Good Hope, where it will meet the fleet. The battleship division is awaiting the completion of the repairs to the Orel, and is not likely to start for a week or a fortnight.

#### NEUTRALITY OF CHINA MUST BE OBSERVED.

London, Aug. 15.—The final cabinet council of the parliamentary session was held to-day at the foreign office, and gave particular attention to the question of the neutrality of China and British action on the Russian reply to the Knight Commander representations. After the council closed the emphatic statement was made that Great Britain will be absolutely essential to her own interests and those of the entire world that the neutrality of China shall be observed by the two belligerents, and it is fully expected in cabinet circles that the question will be adjusted by Russia paying an adequate indemnity.

While dissatisfied with the failure of Russia to recognize in principle that she had no right to sink a neutral ship, even if carrying contraband, the British government feels it will gain little by pressing the point, especially as it regards the power of the Russian navy to harm merchantmen in the Far East as having practically disappeared. Therefore, the government will accept an indemnity, which it will regard as an admission of the correctness of the position assumed by Foreign Secretary Lansdowne when the original demand for reparation was made.

The neutrality of China presents a more kindly problem to the London authorities for the reason that they have to consider the effect upon their ally. The disposition of the government is to go slow. In other words, while insisting that China shall continue neutral, the government will give Japan every opportunity to show, if possible, a justification for the action of the torpedo boat destroyers in capturing the Ryeshtelni. Exchanges on the subject have occurred between Great Britain and Japan.

Arthur. No public announcement has yet been made of the sinking of the Rurik.

The Chefoo report of the sortie of Russian warships from Port Arthur naturally cannot be confirmed, and the admiralty is puzzled to know whether it refers to the ships which remained in the harbor, when the main squadron went out, or to ships of the late Admiral Witthoff's original squadron. In either event, however, it is construed as evidence that the shells of the Japanese land batteries are falling on the harbor, making it impossible for the ships to remain there any longer. It is also taken in some quarters as indicating the eve of the storming of the fortress.

The Russian press praises facing overwhelming odds as preferable to remaining in port.

At the same time the papers continue to express the bitter indignation of the Ryeshtelni incident, and are almost unanimous in expressing the opinion that it will lead to international complications.

The Soviet says: "China has permitted a breach of neutrality, and perhaps will soon join Japan, thus embroiling other powers."

The Bourse Gazette says: "Why do not the powers interfere and compel Japan to observe international law. The general prophetic feeling, at the opening of the war, that complications were inevitable, is now becoming verified."

The Novoye Vremya asserts that in view of what has happened at Chefoo it protests against the disarming of the Askold and the Czarvitch at Shanghai, adding: "Russia's war that she will not move either ship during the war should suffice."

#### VESSLS RETURN TO PORT ARTHUR.

Chefoo, Aug. 16.—9 p. m.—The Russian fleet, it is reported, did not return to Port Arthur.

#### STILL WITHOUT DEFINITE NEWS OF THE PALLADA.

Tsintau, Aug. 16.—Noon.—It seems certain that the Russian protected cruiser Pallada was torpedoed and sunk during the naval battle of August 10th. She failed to return to Port Arthur, and has not been reported since Admiral Togo's fleet departed on various missions on the night of August 10th, when the Russians retreated.

Related reports from various vessels continue to reach Admiral Togo's headquarters. The Japanese destroyers and torpedo boats made a series of attacks during the pursuit of the Russian warships. One destroyer reports that she hit a vessel of the Russian type, and it is believed to be the Askold, and it is believed to be possible that the entire crew were either killed or drowned.

Admiral Togo in reporting to the admiralty says it appears certain that the Pallada was sunk. It was thought at first that the Pallada escaped southward with the Novik and Askold, and the admiralty believed she was concealed in the vicinity of the Yangtze river.

Whatever her fate is, it soon will be determined. If she is afloat she will be speedily reported, and it is fully probable that some of her wreckage will be found.

The Japanese generally are comparing the treatment accorded to the crew of the Rurik to that accorded to the Vladivostok squadron to those on board the transport Hitachin, which the squadron sank June 15th during its first raid. A prominent official said to-day: "Japan has avenged the Hitachin. Admiral Kamimura rescued and succored those who aided in sinking the Hitachin, who sailed away from hundreds of drowning victims. 'We offer their living for our dead.'"

#### THE DEFEAT OF THE VLADIVOSTOK SHIPS.

Tokio, Aug. 15.—7 a. m.—(Delayed in transmission.)—Admiral Kamimura, in his detailed report of last Sunday's victory over the Vladivostok squadron, says:

"At dawn on Sunday morning the armored cruiser Aduma, Capt. Elichitsh, Takiwa, Capt. Yoshimatsu, and the Iwate, Capt. Taketomi, while engaged in a search of Fusan, Korea, discovered three of the Vladivostok squadron steaming southward.

"Seeing us the enemy endeavored to flee northwards. We immediately closed their retreat. The engagement ended at 5:23 a. m.

"The Rurik, being the slowest of the Russian vessels, was constantly left behind, and she formed a target for our incessant fire. The Russia and the Grombol, gallantly attempted several times to protect the Rurik. They frequently returned to the Rurik, and when united the three advanced together.

"Our fleet thus had the advantage, pouring fire from its formation in the shape of a letter 'T'.

"The enemy's ships were seen to be on fire several times, showing thereby that they were heavily damaged.

"The Rurik was finally disabled and her fire weakened. She began lowering in the water, listing to port.

"The Russia and Grombol finally escaped.

"But then our fourth detachment, consisting of the protected cruisers Naniwa, Ochi No Yuki and the Takachiho, Capt. Nori, having been seen attacking the Rurik, our squadron pursued the Russia and Grombol. Severe fighting continued several hours.

"The Russia and Grombol escaped to the northward at full speed.

its course to starboard and went south in search of the Rurik. In the meantime the Rurik had been sunk. Our ships steamed over the locality and succeeded in saving 400 members of the Rurik's crew.

"Our damages were not serious. The spirit of our men was excellent."

Admiral Kamimura was on the Tsushima. Rear-Admiral Uru commanded the fourth detachment.

#### REPORTS OF SINKING OF CRUISER PALLADA.

Washington, Aug. 16.—Official advices received here to-day state that the Japanese commander-in-chief reports that the Russian cruiser Pallada was sunk by Japanese torpedo boats on the night of August 10th.

On the same subject received by the Japanese legation from the foreign office at Tokio says: "According to the latest reports from Admiral Togo, a Russian vessel, the Pallada, is believed to have been sunk by our torpedo boats during the attack on the night of August 10th."

#### AT WORK REPAIRING THE CRUISER ASKOLD.

Shanghai, Aug. 16.—The Russian protected cruiser Askold was docked this morning and repairs are now proceeding. Sentries have been posted all around the dock. The torpedo boat destroyed Grozovoi joined the Russian gunboat Mandjuria, which was dismantled here the latter part of March. The Chinese authorities propose to decide the case of the Grozovoi to-morrow.

A report from the Saddle Islands says there are no Russian nor Japanese warships there.

#### ALL THE SHIPS HAVE BEEN DISMANTLED.

Tsintau, Aug. 16.—Noon.—A Japanese destroyer entered the harbor a short time ago having on board the Japanese Admiral Ikadzuki and his staff for the purpose of calling on the governor of Kiaochau.

At the governor's mansion, Governor Truppel assured the Japanese admiral that all the Russian ships were dismantled, that their guns had been disabled and their ammunition removed.

The admiral then departed, and as the Japanese destroyer left the harbor she was saluted by the German warships.

The Japanese officers assured the correspondent of the Associated Press that the Germans had promised that the Chefoo incident would not be repeated at Tsintau.

The Japanese ships off this port consist of one cruiser and four destroyers.

The Germans have notified the Japanese that they will fire on any ship entering the harbor at night without lights. Every precaution is being taken to guard against a repetition of the Chefoo incident.

German cruisers remain on guard outside the harbor. The rest are inside.

The correspondent is unable to confirm the report that the protected cruiser Novik was sunk forty miles from Tsintau after the battle of August 10th.

#### RUSSIAN VESSELS IN GERMAN PORT.

London, Aug. 16.—Japan has notified Germany that she is entirely satisfied with the latter's course towards the Russian vessels at Tsintau, and Germany has advised Japan that she is quite willing to permit a Japanese vessel to enter Tsintau harbor so that her commander may convince himself that the Russians are really disarmed, such ship to leave the harbor within twenty-four hours.

#### JAPAN PREPARED TO ASSERT HER RIGHTS.

New York, Aug. 16.—The Tokio correspondent of the New York Times says, under date of August 15th:

"Concerning the incident of the seizure of the Ryeshtelni at Chefoo, Japan's contention, I understand, is that she is prepared strictly to respect China's neutrality as far as Russia respects it, but if Russian troops and ships elude pursuit by taking refuge in adjacent territory belonging to China, whose neutrality is imperfect, inasmuch as she is incompetent fully to discharge her neutral duties, then in the face of plain proofs of such incompetency, Japan will be compelled to enforce her belligerent rights.

"The Ryeshtelni lay for 27 hours at Chefoo without any signs of being disarmed or of leaving the port, thus obviously violating China's neutrality. Therefore Japan was obliged to take steps to avert dangerous potentialities, such as abuse of asylum."

#### RUSSIA'S PROTEST TO THE JAPANESE.

Paris, Aug. 18.—Russia's protest against the Japanese break of Chinese neutrality at Chefoo has been transmitted to the Mikado's government by the French legation at Tokio, acting purely as the intermediary of Russia, which has not made any representations to France of the subject. The impression is well informed circles here is that the whole question is not urgent, and that it will be solved diplomatically.

#### ISSUES A FORMAL PROTEST TO THE POWERS.

London, Aug. 16.—Ambassador Bencikoff, carrying out the instructions of Foreign Minister Lansdowne, presented this morning to Foreign Secretary Lans-

downe a formal protest from his government against "the flagrant violation of international and neutrality" by the Japanese torpedo boat destroyers at Chefoo. The protest is in the nature of a circular to all powers, and cites the facts as already published.

The St. Petersburg government asserts that the Japanese had no right even to examine the Ryeshtelni to determine whether she was dismantled without first obtaining the permission of the Chinese admiral.

So far as can be learned Lord Lansdowne will merely acknowledge the receipt of the protest, reserving possible action on the part of Great Britain until all the facts are ascertained.

#### JAP TROOPS ARE NEARING ANSHANSHAN.

Liao Yang, Aug. 15.—Army and other officials remaining here have attended a special service in the Russian settlement in honor of the Emperor's son, Alexis.

General Kouropatkin's review at Anshanshan yesterday in the rain, when the troops passed before the commander and staff through mud and growing Chinese corn, testified to the enthusiasm shown in the ranks.

Two days' festivities ended yesterday on the south front of the army.

The Twelfth Siberian regiment, which has been honored by a dispatch from the Emperor appointing his son colonel-in-chief, is distinguished for its participation in the battle of Shintien Cheng, and all the fights along the Feng Huang Cheng road, including that of July 31st.

The Japanese reported to be much nearer Anshanshan, on the southeast, than 12 miles, than Lieut-Gen. Zaslavitch's troops, who had a severe skirmish on the 13th, are now in daily touch with the enemy.

The latter's advance guards, beginning a few miles south of Anshanshan, swung around to Sienching, and are occupying Liandianshan and Kuchiat, about 20 miles southeast of Liao Yang, and the hills opposite Peshin, about 40 miles east of Liao Yang.

Grand Duke Boris, who has been recalled to St. Petersburg, departs to-night.

#### RUSSIAN LOSSES IN FIGHTS AT FORTRESS.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 16.—The Official Messenger publishes a dispatch from Liao Yang which says news from Port Arthur announces the Russian casualties there in the attacks on the fortress on July 20th, 27th and 28th as follows: Killed—Two officers and 249 men. Wounded—Thirty-five officers and 1,533 men. Prisoners—One officer and 83 men, hospital assistance.

At the thanksgiving service for the birth of Alexis, held in Liao Yang on Sunday, the officers were invited to dine at headquarters by Gen. Kouropatkin.

Assurances by the Ryeshtelni affair the Novoye Vremya demands that the Askold, Grozovoi, or any other Russian vessels now taking refuge in Chinese ports, shall not be dismantled, but shall retain their armament so they may be in readiness to repel Japanese attacks, from which the paper declares neutral Chinese waters afford no protection.

#### RUSSIANS AND NEUTRAL VESSELS.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 16.—The formal British protest against the treatment of neutral ships was delivered to the Russian government to-day. It follows the lines of Foreign Secretary Lansdowne's and Premier Balfour's recent statement of the subject in parliament.

#### GENERAL STAKELBERG WILL BE RECALLED.

London, Aug. 16.—A dispatch to a newspaper from St. Petersburg says Emperor Nicholas has decided to recall Gen. Stakelberg, who was defeated by the Japanese at Vafangow and Telisau July 14th and 16th in his attempt to relieve Port Arthur.

#### EIGHT WARSHIPS UNACCOUNTED FOR.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 16.—The admiralty received little additional information to-day regarding the sea fight of August 10th or the whereabouts of the five Russian battleships and three cruisers, unaccounted for. Hope is still cherished that they escaped and reached an appointed rendezvous.

Russia has been informed of the lowering of flags over the battleship Czarvitch and two destroyers at Tsintau and acquiesces with Germany's position that the ships must remain there until the end of the war. While ordinary ship repairs may be allowed by Germany within the harbor, no removal or repair of their armament or guns will be permitted. The reports that the United States and Great Britain have taken exception to Germany's decision in this matter do not receive credence.

Nothing definite has yet been decided regarding the disarmament of the Askold at Shanghai on account of the questionable ability of China to protect her against a repetition of the Ryeshtelni incident.

#### STILL WITHOUT NEWS OF MISSING WARSHIPS.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 17.—Public anxiety regarding the fate of the ships of Rear-Admiral Witthoff's squadron being unaccounted for is still unrelieved. St. Petersburg continues to be entirely dependent upon foreign sources for news, the Russian authorities claiming to be quite as much in the dark as the public.

The admiralty neither confirms nor denies the report that a majority of the squadron returned to Port Arthur, although it does not fail to point out that only the most desperate situation after the sea fight could have compelled the vessels to return for refuge to the port.

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by a hail of shells from the cruisers, which then began participating in the fight. Every officer of the Czarvitch was either killed or wounded.

While the Czarvitch was making for Tsintau funeral services were held in many cases over heads, arms and legs. One sailor whose hand was severed by a fragment of shell became crazed by pain and the horror of blood about him. He approached the captain, held out the severed member in his remaining hand and requested that prayer be said over it.

#### DEMAND SURRENDER OF PORT ARTHUR.

Tokio, Aug. 17.—10 a. m.—The commander of the army besieging Port Arthur reports that Major Yamoka, a member of his staff, was dispatched with a flag of truce to the purposes of the Russians, where he delivered to a Russian staff officer the offer of the Emperor of Japan granting the removal of non-combatants.

He also demanded the surrender of Port Arthur. The answer is expected to-day.

#### GEN. STOSSEL NOT LIKELY TO SURRENDER.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 17.—1:25 p. m.—The announcement of the Emperor's offer to allow non-combatants to leave Port Arthur, coupled with the demand for the surrender of the garrison, causes a re-union of feeling here. The original report that non-combatants would be permitted to depart before the storming operations began was regarded as a humane and considerate act.

The war office is without official information of the summons served on General Stoessel, but not the slightest idea exists in military circles that he will yield so long as food and ammunition hold out, without a fight to protect defenseless women and other non-combatants from the horrors of bombardment.

"Gen. Stoessel, as an important commander, would have a perfect right, under the Russian military regulations, to surrender at discretion," said a member of the general staff to the correspondent of the Associated Press, "but it may be safely assumed that a man of his temper will not create a precedent in the Russo-Japanese war."

Our military analysts do not show any case where a commander of a fortress surrenders upon the demand of an enemy to avoid fight. Sebastopol was taken by storm.

A dispatch from Gen. Kouropatkin, dated from Anshanshan, and conveying the congratulations of the army to the Emperor on the birth of an heir to the throne, says: "We await a decisive battle with the Japanese advancing upon us, gladly anticipating meeting the foe and showing our fidelity to our Emperor and country."

When Rear-Admiral Rojstevensky hoisted his flag on the battleship Suvarov on Sunday as commander of the second and fourth squadrons of the Pacific squadron, Admiral Bieloff, the commander at Kronstadt, signalled him as follows: "May God bless your voyage and grant you the glory and honor of Russia. Be strong, brave and determined."

The Russ to-day argues that a neutral power has no right to demand the armament of a belligerent ship entering a neutral port in need of repairs, and that consequently the Ryeshtelni at Chefoo and the Russian warships at Tsintau were entitled to enjoy the hospitality of those ports.

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#### CRUISER ASKOLD WILL BE DISARMED.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 17.—1:25 p. m.—Russia has agreed to the disarmament of the Russian cruiser Askold, now at Tsintau.

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