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## Annual ... February Carpet AND Curtain Sale.

This is the month in which to buy Carpets and Curtains. Many lines are here that we intend clearing out during the quite seasons. These are choice goods, and if you need anything in Floor Coverings, Lace Curtains or Drapery Curtains you will do well to come in and look the different lines over.

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## RUSSIAN SHIPS WERE SURPRISED

Japs Stole a March on Them  
Completely Wrecking All  
Three on Short Notice.

Before Dazed Russians Could  
Reply to the Attack the Vig-  
orous Japs Had Done  
Their Work.

New York, Feb. 9.—A special cable from London to the Evening Journal says: Japan has won her first great naval victory. A despatch from St. Petersburg says that an attack has been made by a Japanese torpedo fleet on the Russian battleships and cruisers lying at anchor within the entrance of the harbor at Port Arthur and that the battleships Osearevitch and Retzivan and the cruiser Pallada were torpedoed and wrecked.

Shortly before midnight of Monday a large Japanese fleet, presumably that which left Sasebo early Saturday, was reported off Port Arthur. The Russian fleet, which had been anchored outside the harbor, had been warned and had retired within the harbor entrance. The Russians felt that their torpedo system would protect them, but even then took no chances, but kept their searchlights working both from the ships and the shore batteries, particularly from that portion of the land called the "Tiger's Tail."

The Japanese fleet outside did some maneuvering and then apparently went off to the southward, so many thought, to join the remainder of the Japanese fleet, known to be in the neighborhood of We-Hai-Wei. At 1.40 a.m. Sunday, as the watchers and searchlights were becoming laggard and the alarm at first felt was about dying out, a black streak was observed crossing the harbor mouth by one of the lookouts on the Osearevitch. He gave the alarm. A dozen searchlights flashed out and the sight paralyzed the Russians, according to the dispatches sent to St. Petersburg. Half a dozen torpedo boats were making their way toward the moored warships.

Before any move could be made a torpedo was launched from one of the Japanese boats at the Osearevitch and striking her, exploded, tearing her apart. At almost the same moment another torpedo was fired at and hit the Retzivan, the most modern ship in the Russian navy, and made a wreck of her. The deadly missile struck the Retzivan just forward of her forward turret on the port side and tore a gaping hole in her side. The consternation among the Russians had now increased to a panic and hardly any attempt was made to repel the attack being made. The Pallada, a fine cruiser, was lying inside of both the battleships and to her the torpedo boats next turned their attention. The Pallada's crew had got her rapid fire guns to work and were trying to hit the Japanese. The latter launched half a dozen torpedoes at the Russians before one took effect. It left the Russian cruiser a hopeless wreck. By this time several Russian torpedo boats had got into the fight, and the Japanese, finding affairs becoming rather complicated and more critical than they cared to meet, withdrew as they came. Attempts were made from the shore to fire the mines in the entrance to the harbor. Some of them exploded but not while any torpedo boat was near, while others failed utterly to answer the electric spark. By the time the Russians had got over their consternation and got into condition to fight back the Japanese had disappeared. By daylight there were no Japanese in sight.

## CHILDREN COMING

General Superintendent Wool-  
latt Gives the Young Folks  
a Half-Rate Fare on the  
Robin Hood Special.

General Superintendent W. W. Woollatt, of the Lake Erie railroad, telephoned yesterday afternoon that it had been decided to allow all children from Wallaceburg and Dresden, on the big Robin Hood special train on Friday evening, a rate of half of single fare for the round trip.

A large number of Robin Hood tickets were secured by the young folks in these towns and a liberal contingent of children are coming to see the magnificent production.

L. E. Tilson, local agent for the Pere Marquette, received two cars of coal yesterday, one of which was delivered to the Waterworks Department, and the other to the Chatham Gas & Electric Light Co., so that there will be no more cause for complaint as to light. It is not probable that the railroads will be blocked with freight again, and sufficient coal will be brought into the city to avoid embarrassing conditions.

At the hospital sale Austin & Co. are going to sell one cage of each cotton, bought at the old price of 10c, although to-day it cannot be replaced for less than 12 1-2c.

## JAPANESE REPORTED TO HAVE SCORED ANOTHER VICTORY

Her Warships Attacked Those of Russia at Port Arthur and  
Chemulpo and Destroyed Two at the Latter Port.

Tokio, February 9.—It is reported here that the Japanese fleet engaged and defeated two Russian warships, whose names have not yet been learned, at Chemulpo, to-day. It is said the engagement began at 11 a. m. and continued until 3 p. m.

The smaller Russian vessel is reported to have been sunk, and the larger one fired and hopelessly disabled. A part of the crew is reported to have escaped to the shore and to have been captured. The Japanese ships are reported to be slightly damaged. Official confirmation of the report is unobtainable.

London, February 10.—In a despatch from Tien Tsin, dated February 9, a correspondent of the Daily Mail says it is reported there that the Russian cruisers Variag 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.

It was reported from Peking to-day

ed anchor in order to participate in the battle.

A third telegram from the victory says that after a bombardment lasting one hour the Japanese squadron ceased its fire and steamed southward.

"Our losses," the victory continues, "are two naval officers and fifty-one men wounded and nine men killed and on the coast batteries one man killed and three wounded."

"During the engagement the battleship 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, telegraphs as follows:—

"I most humbly report to your imperial majesty that the three injured vessels were not sunk nor were their boilers or engines damaged. The Tzarevitch received a hole in her

## NINE SHIPS KNOCKED OUT

Japs Take Another Round Out  
of the Russians This  
Morning.

Two Signal Victories By Jap-  
anese Fleets Cripple Rus-  
sian Forces.

(Special to The Planet.)

London, Feb. 10.—Signal victories for the Japanese have marked the opening days of the Russo-Japanese war. Nine Russian warships have been put out of commission by Japanese torpedoes and shells and as the Russians have no dockyard facilities in the far east to repair the damages inflicted on their ships it follows that the vessels are useless for service in the present war.

Over 2,000 Russian troops have been taken prisoners by the capture of three Russian transports of the volunteer fleet off the Korean coast.

The Russian warships which were put out of commission at Port Arth-



MAP OF THE SCENE OF EASTERN STRIFE

The accompanying map will enable readers to see at a glance that portion of the world which is the seat of the great war. To the south is Manchuria, of which so much has been lately heard, and which Russian aggression has made the cause of alarm to diplomats, both in the eastern and western hemispheres,

and which, bordering on Mongolia, seems a convenient stepping stone to that vast territory if the latter supremacy ever comes to be an acknowledged fact in the great northern province. The map shows also very clearly the profound importance of Korea in its relation to the Island Kingdom of Japan, both from the

commercial and strategical point of view, and the paramount necessity to the Mikado that he should not tolerate any attempts on a peninsula which would serve so admirably as a base for the subjugation of both his own dominions and those of his Chinese neighbors, whose seaboard territories are also very clearly shown.

that the Japanese had disembarked Chemulpo notwithstanding the presence there of two Russian warships, and another despatch from Che Foo said Japan had the Variag and Korietz caught at Chemulpo.

Japanese troops also landed in all the chief points of Southern and Western Korea. One division of the Japanese guards holds Fusan and Chemulpo and altogether three divisions of the Japanese guards, each of 12,000 men, have been mobilized.

It appears, the correspondent continues, that the Russian warships at Vladivostok are icebound.

The Russian war vessels at Vladivostok are the armored cruisers Rurik, Rossi, Gromoboy and the Bogatyr, a screw corvette built in 1890.

Russia has a thousand tons of coal at Port Arthur, but the coal must be taken out to the battleships in lighters until the battleships disabled by the Japanese are floated.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 10, 6.10 a. m.—A second telegram has been received from Viceroy Alexieff. It is dated Feb. 9, and says:—

"A Japanese squadron of fifteen battleships and cruisers to-day began to bombard Port Arthur. The fortress replied and the squadron weighed

steering department, and her rudder was damaged; the Retzivan was engaged in her pumping apparatus under the water line, and the Pallada was injured amidsthips, not far from her engines.

"After the explosions the cruisers hastened immediately to their assistance and in spite of the dark night measures were taken to bring the damaged vessels to the harbor. We had no loss in officers. Two marines were killed, five were drowned and eight were wounded. The enemy's torpedo boats received a heavy fire. Two exploded torpedoes were found after the attack."

Admiral Alexieff's report of the attack by the Japanese torpedo boats, which was received yesterday, is as follows:—

"I most respectfully inform your majesty that at about midnight of February 8-9 Japanese torpedo boats made a sudden attack by means of mines upon the Russian squadron in the outer road, of the fortress of Port Arthur, in which the battleships Retzivan and Tzarevitch and the cruiser Pallada were damaged. An inspection is being made to ascertain the character of the damage. Details are following for your majesty."

ur, according to Admiral Alexieff's reports, were the battleships Osearevitch, Retzivan and Poltava, the cruisers Pallada, Diana, Askold and Novik.

At Chemulpo the Japanese sent two more to the bottom—the Variag and the Korietz, making a total of nine.

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

## JAPS SINK RUSSIAN WARSHIPS

Also Capture Chemulpo and  
Practically Control Korea  
—Japs Suffer No Loss

Special to The Planet.

London, Feb. 10.—2 p. m.—Official dispatches from Tokio received by Baron Hayashi, say the Japanese minister, on arriving at Chemulpo, Korea, sent in word to the two Russian cruisers, Variag and Korietz, giving them a time limit in which to leave. Shortly afterwards the Russians came out and attacked a Japanese torpedo boat, which replied with a torpedo effectively. A general exchange of shots then followed. After a hot fire the Russians returned to Chemulpo and sank at the entrance of the harbor. It is not yet known Continued on Page Four.

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