

# JAPS LOSE FOUR VESSELS; BUT COME BACK UNDAUNTED

## Four Merchantmen With Which They Intended to Block Channel Were Destroyed—A Second Attempt Repulsed.

### BOMBARDMENT OF PORT ARTHUR NOW GOING ON?

#### Battleship Retvizan, Supposed to Have Been Disabled, Beats Off the Entire Japanese Torpedo Fleet—Fight Raged for Four Hours, Fortresses Within Harbor Assisting.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 25.—6 p.m.—Rumors are in circulation here this afternoon to the effect that a bombardment of Port Arthur is now going on. Major-General Pliginskii, chief of staff of Viceroy Alexieff telegraphs as follows under today's date:

"The enemy again attacked Port Arthur from 1 to 3 a.m. and was everywhere repulsed. Details follow."

**THE ATTACK THAT FAILED.**

Japs Made Desperate Attempt to Block Entrance to the Russians.

Port Arthur, Feb. 25.—At about 1 o'clock yesterday morning the Japanese made a desperate attempt to block the entrance of the inner harbor and dock. With this object four merchant steamers, accompanied by torpedo vessels, were sent from two sides towards the entrance of the channel. The movement was perceived by the Retvizan, which was lying in the channel, and which opened fire immediately. At the same time the guns of the forts on the Tiger Peninsula, Golden Hill, and Electric Cliff were turned upon the enemy, and a furious campaign ensued, lasting until 5 in the morning. Then fire slackened and became desultory. The Japanese had failed to effect their purpose. All four steamers were sunk. They are lying in the following positions:

One behind the Golden Hill, one near the Retvizan, two between the entrance of the channel and the Lao Tse Shan Peninsula.

Two of the vessels are still burning. The cruisers Bayan and Novik pursued the Japanese torpedo flotilla. It



ADMIRAL YAMAMOTO, Minister of Marine—Promoter of Japan's Naval Expansion.

steamers filled with explosives among the Russian fleet in Port Arthur harbor. These fresh ships did no damage, and were themselves destroyed, two being sunk and two going ashore. Two Japanese boats escorting the fire ships were destroyed by Russian ships.

# THE WAR SITUATION.

A substantial Russian victory is at last recorded. Japan fails completely in an attempt to block the entrance to Port Arthur harbor with four merchantmen, all of which were destroyed by the Russian guns, the battleship Retvizan, supposed to have been disabled, doing effective work. Apparently no Jap warships were injured, as Admiral Togo was seen proceeding. One dispatch says the Japs returned to the attack and were again repulsed, and that Port Arthur was being bombarded. Russia is greatly cheered by this setback to the enemy. Manchurians are said to be rising against the Russians, and are well supplied with money and ammunition. Five thousand Russian troops have been dispatched to the center of the conspiracy. Nothing is known definitely of the operations in Korea, but has been repeatedly stated that the Russians are well south of the Yalu. Russia's protest to the powers against a Japanese protectorate of Korea is causing much speculation in the various capitals as to the outcome of the situation. Chinese and Russian troops have had a clash in northern China, and further trouble is feared.



FIELD-MARSHAL YAMAGATA, Chief of the general staff of the army.

# BIG FIRE AT CONNEAUT

Business Portion of the Town Practically Wiped Out.

Conneaut Harbor, Ohio, Feb. 25.—Fire today practically wiped out the business portion of Conneaut Harbor. Among the buildings burned were the Mutual bank and the Marine bank building, with their contents including the Marine Bank, the postoffice and several stores. Loss estimated at \$100,000, partially covered by insurance.

# CHEERS FOR BALFOUR

Warmly Welcomed Upon His Return to House of Commons.

London, Feb. 25.—Premier Balfour on his first appearance today in the House of Commons since his illness, was greeted with warm cheers. Replying to a question he confirmed the statement made in these dispatches Feb. 24, that there was no truth in the reports that Great Britain intended to seize certain points on the Spanish coast in the event of a continental war. He said:

"I am glad to say that the relations between this country and Spain are and are likely to remain of a most friendly character."

The Premier added that there appeared to be no truth in the rumor that Spain was mobilizing her forces, although she was strengthening some of her garrisons.

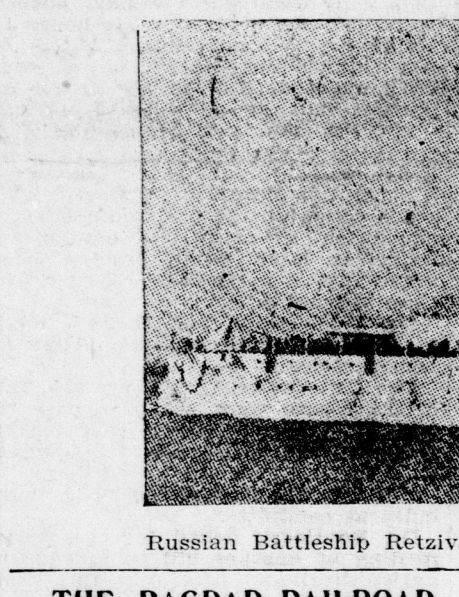
# THE COLOMBIANS HAVE VOWED WAR

## Will Advance On Panama Now That the Canal Treaty Has Been Ratified.

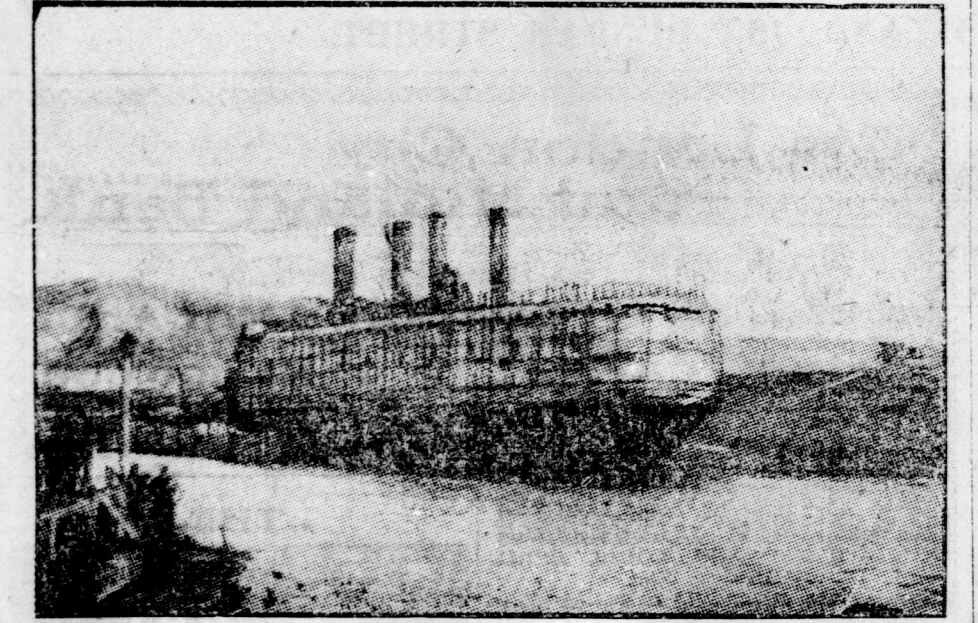
New York, Feb. 25.—A cable from Panama to the Herald says ratification of the Panama Canal treaty resulted in the immediate recall of the United States warships and about half of the marines from the isthmus. Despite Colombia's international disturbances, letters just received from there declare that the Colombians are ready to fight as soon as the news arrives that the treaty has been ratified. One general in Cartagena is quoted as saying that if the Government does not declare war the troops on the border will invade Panama anyhow.

The last information from the coast is that another regiment of soldiers has been sent from Cartagena to the frontier.

If the Colombians carry out the threat to attack they can not reach the railroad station as fast as vessels can be sent from any port of the United States after news of the advance arrives.



Russian Battleship Retvizan which covered itself with glory in the big fight at Port Arthur.



FERRY FOR CARRYING TRAINS AND TROOPS ACROSS LAKE BAIKAL—Which makes a big break in the trans-Siberian Railroad.

is said that one of the torpedo boats was sunk.

At about 9 a.m. a Japanese squadron of considerable size approached Port Arthur, and the Bayan and Novik were ordered to face the Japanese ships, which, however, did not open fire, and afterwards steamed away in the direction of Port Dalny.

The cruiser Pallada has entered the dock here.

**TORPEDO BOATS SAFE.**

London, Feb. 25.—6:05 p.m.—The British foreign office has received an official dispatch saying that not one of the Japanese torpedo boats was injured in the attack on Port Arthur on Wednesday, Feb. 24.

**ARE PROBABLY HULKS.**

Jap Loss Consisted of Six Decrepit Transports.

Paris, Feb. 25.—Additional details of the Japanese attempt to close the entrance of the harbor of Port Arthur have been received from most authoritative quarters. These say that the Japanese sent over six old transport hulks, conveyed by torpedo boats, to Port Arthur with the evident purpose of sinking the hulks at the entrance of the harbor. The battleship Retvizan discovered their approach and her fire on them was strongly seconded by that of the shore battery north of Port Arthur. The report adds that two Japanese ships were wrecked and lie

in the purpose of blocking the throat of the harbor or whether the four vessels were beached by the fire from the shore.

Consequently all the unknown additional details are expected from Viceroy Alexieff in the course of the day. As he is at Mukden the report of the commander at Port Arthur first goes to him, and thence is forwarded to the Japanese government.

The official bulletins were given out too late for editorial comment, but the news of success of the Russian arms was prominently displayed. Not one of the newspapers here has yet received special dispatches giving news of the Japanese repulse.

**ALEXIEFF CONGRATULATED.**

St. Petersburg, Feb. 25.—The Czar has telegraphed warm congratulations to Viceroy Alexieff and the entire Russian squadron at Port Arthur on a able manner in which they repulsed the latest attack of the Japanese.

**LONDON'S ACCOUNT.**

London, Thursday, Feb. 25.—A dispatch to Reuters Telegram Company, from St. Petersburg, sent at 11 o'clock last night, says that on Feb. 23, the Japanese attempted to send four

# BILL AGAINST NEGROES

Measure in Virginia to Prevent Riding in Pullman Cars.

Richmond, Va., Feb. 24.—Carefully drawn up and not without a certain amount of support, a bill was introduced in the Legislature to prevent negroes from riding in Pullman sleepers and chair cars.

The bill gives conductors of Pullman no power to exclude any and all passengers who, in their judgment, should not be allowed to ride. The expectation is that negroes will be the only ones so excluded.

The bill is said to have been considered a complaint that the weather negroes patronize the Pullman cars very extensively.

# WEATHER BULLETIN

**TOMORROW—FAIR AND COLD.**

Extremely cold weather continues in Manitoba and the Northwest Territories, and it is moderately cold in Ontario and Quebec. Light snowfalls have occurred today in Ontario and the Maritime Provinces, while in other districts the weather has been for the most part fair.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Dawson, 20 below—20 below; Victoria, 36—44; Kamloops, 10—36; Calgary, 12 below—8; Qu'Appelle, 20 below—2 below; Winnipeg, 20 below—4 below; Port Arthur, 6 below—10 below; Toronto, 14—22; Ottawa, 4—18; Montreal, 2—14; Quebec, 6—12; Halifax, 22—36.

**FORECASTS.**

Thursday, Feb. 25.—8 a.m. Today—Strong northwesterly winds; fair and cold; temperatures, zero or below.

Friday—Fair and cold.

**TEMPERATURES.**

| Stations     | 8 a.m. | Min. | Weather |
|--------------|--------|------|---------|
| Clear        | —      | —    | Clear   |
| Winnipeg     | —22    | —26  | Cloudy  |
| Port Arthur  | —6     | —8   | Clear   |
| Parry Sound  | —8     | —8   | Clear   |
| Ottawa       | —2     | —2   | Fair    |
| Montreal     | —4     | —2   | Snow    |
| Quebec       | —6     | —10  | Snow    |
| Father Point | —10    | —4   | Snow    |

**WEATHER NOTES.**

The Northwest high area and its accompaniment wave has increased in energy since yesterday, and extended eastward over the great lakes. The weather continues very cold in all districts, with no indication of much change.

The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the local observatory for week: Highest: 26° above; lowest: 10.5° below; the 24 hours ending 8 a.m., Wednesday, above.

# MANCHURIANS ARE RISING AGAINST THE RUSSIANS

## Ten Thousand Enrolled and the Movement Is Rapidly Spreading—Preparing to Cut Off Small Troops.

### THEY HAVE PLENTY OF AMMUNITION AND MONEY

#### Believed at Paris That the Powers Will Support Russia's View of the Invalidity of Japan's Protectorate of Korea—Seize Big Consignment of Beef for Russians.

New York, Feb. 25.—According to a cable from Chefoo to the World, Manchuria is rising against the Russians. Five thousand troops have been moved from Mukden to Sunningtung, because in the villages along the west side of Liao Tung Peninsula the natives are making active preparations to cut off small bodies of Russian troops there. Ten thousand Manchurians have already been enrolled in the movement, which is spreading. Volunteers are plenty. There is no lack of ammunition or money, for the patriotic rich are subscribing.

**THAT PROTECTORATE.**

Paris, Feb. 25.—It is the belief in the highest official quarters that the powers will support the Russian view of the invalidity of the Japanese treaty with Korea, so far as it creates a Japanese protectorate over Korea, owing to the Emperor's being under duress. But, it is said that no immediate action on the part of the powers is required, as the question of the recognition of the protectorate will definitely arise when the terms of peace are considered. In the meantime official opinion here is strongly sympathetic with Russia's position, and it is considered that Russia's note to the powers protesting against Japan's violation of Korean neutrality fully protects Russia's international rights as considered. The protest antedates the official announcement of the conclusion of the treaty. The foreign office considers the announcement confirmatory of the view that Russia's protest to the powers was designed to reserve all her rights and to prevent international acceptance of the treaty establishing a protectorate, as announced in these dispatches yesterday.

**WHAT WILL RUSSELL DO?**

New York, Feb. 25.—A dispatch from

Washington to the Herald says of the Japan treaty with Korea: "There is much anxiety to see how Russia's ally (France) will accept this Oriental alliance against Russia. Korea is not a strong power, but it is pointed out her assistance to Japan may easily assume substantial proportions. The Japanese are expected to undertake the control of the Korean army, which can easily be recruited up to a strength of 30,000 men. Offered by Japanese, this force might be sufficient menace to Russia to cause France to protest that the principle of confining the struggle to the two powers, Russia and Japan, was violated. The note which Mr. Hay sent to the powers indicated that the purpose of uniting for the preservation of China's neutrality was to prevent more powers being involved."

**GUARDSHIPS FOR PT. ARTHUR.**

St. Petersburg, Feb. 25.—The battleships Retvizan and Chesma will be temporarily employed at Port Arthur as guardships, in which capacity it has been decided their formidable guns can be utilized to good advantage. It has been found that the necessary repairs to these ships can only be made in the dock at Vladivostok, so the vessels will be temporarily patched up and remain at Port Arthur until circumstances will permit of their being sent to Vladivostok.

**FOOD FOR THE JAPS.**

Nagasaki, Feb. 24.—The Japanese Government has seized 670 tons of mess beef which was shipped from San Francisco on the steamer Korea, Feb. 2, and which was consigned to the Russian government at Vladivostok. It is thought that the Japanese Government will purchase the beef.

# Balfour Back at Business; Has a Talk With M. Cambon

## Early Settlement of All Matters of Dispute Between Britain and France Expected.

London, Feb. 25.—Premier Balfour had sufficiently recovered his health to come from Brighton to this city today to preside at a cabinet meeting. Prior to the meeting the French ambassador, M. Cambon, called at the foreign office and had an hour's talk with Foreign Secretary Lansdowne. The ambassador returned here from Paris last night, and, apart from an exchange of views in regard to the most recent developments of the war, on which subject the two cabinets are keeping in the closest touch with each other, there is good reason to believe that a settlement of all matters in dispute between France and Great Britain is on the eve of be-

# AGAINST THE OPEN SHOP.

Windsor, Ont., Feb. 25.—The Windsor Bricklayers' and Masons' Union and the Sheet Metal Workers' Union at a meeting last night decided to stand against the open shop proposition.

# SUING THE M. C. R.

Windsor, Ont., Feb. 25.—Frank Welsh, of Sandwich West, has begun action for damages against the M. C. R., the result of injuries sustained by being struck by a M. C. R. express at Maidshead on the night of Oct. 18 last. Welsh was disabled so badly that for a long time it was thought that he would die.

# THE BRANTFORD MURDER

No New Evidence in the Trial of Joseph Kennedy.

Brantford, Ont., Feb. 25.—The Kennedy murder trial is still in progress. The prisoner this morning is bright and cheerful, and takes in everything that is said by the witnesses. The prosecution has not yet produced any new evidence from what was examined by a police court in the first examination.

# A SCANDAL AT NOME

A Russian Countess Charged With Attempting Murder.

Seattle, Wash., Feb. 25.—A special to the Post Intelligencer, from Dawson, says that Count and Countess Morawewski are in Nome jail charged with attempting to murder Captain Wm. Gilpin, a former friend. Their bonds are fixed at \$5,000. The trouble took place at the Russian mission, where the countess tried to shoot the captain. She did not succeed, because he had taken the powder out of the cartridges.

# FOR ALMA COLLEGE

Massey Estate Will Give \$25,000 If Like Sum Is Raised.

St. Thomas, Feb. 25.—A deputation of citizens waited upon the city council asking for a grant of \$15,000 for Alma College. The college is \$40,000 in debt and requires \$10,000 for repairs. The Massey estate of Toronto will give \$25,000 if a like sum is raised, and it is proposed to get \$15,000 from the council, and the balance by private subscription, and so put the college on its feet.

# CASTELLANE ANNOYS POPE

French Count's Criticism of Loubet's Visit Causes Displeasure.

Rome, Feb. 25.—Count Boni de Castellane, who married Miss Anna Gould, of New York, has succeeded in raising a storm at the Vatican by an article published in the Gaulois, in which he urges that it is inadvisable for Mme. Loubet to accompany her husband on his coming visit to Rome. He asserts that the wife of the Presi-

# A Broad Hint to Uncle Sam to Keep Hands Off Canada

## An Address to Canadian Club On the Sovereignty of Hudson Bay.

Toronto, Ont., Feb. 25.—At the Canadian Club dinner last night, W. F. MacLean, M. P., discussed the Hudson Bay question.

Certain United States papers, and for aught the public knew, the United States authorities, have set up claims to "United States rights" in that great Canadian sea. Mr. MacLean said we had often heard of the Monroe doctrine, which our neighbors were always asserting. We also knew that these so-called neighbors of ours had never had the magnanimity to admit our co-equal rights on this continent, and the time had come to assert ourselves in no uncertain way. His way of putting the Canadian position was this. We Canadians are on this continent to stay. We believe that there is room on the North American continent for at least two free and independent English-speaking nations, and that Canada must and shall be one of these. That it is in the interest of all the continents in free government, instead of one great free republic, dominating the whole. That we intend to maintain our natural position, and the integrity of our country, by the acquisition of the United States rights if we choose to accord it, in spite of them if we must. That the undoubted sovereignty of the Hudson Bay is in Canada, and that we look to the mother country if we may, to ourselves, if we must, for the upholding of that position. That Newfoundland and Labrador are detachable factors in the completion of the territorial integrity of Canada on the North American continent, and that early steps should be taken to include them within the Canadian confederation.