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Along the Yalu. Tokyo, April 13.—As reports continue to filter in from the front, it becomes more and more evident that serious fighting is occurring along the Yalu.

All of the foreign military attaches accredited to the first Japanese army have been notified to hold themselves in readiness to proceed to the front, where they will have an opportunity to see hot fighting.

Sounds of Firing. Chefoo, April 13.—11 a. m.—A correspondent of the Associated Press at Tong Chew, forty miles northwest of here, telegraphs as follows: "Sounds of heavy firing were heard at half-past six o'clock this (Wednesday) morning. The firing evidently was being done between here and Port Arthur. It is believed at Tong Chew that the long expected sea fight along the Miao-Tao islands has taken place. The Japanese battleship Asahi flying an admiral's flag, was seen off Chefoo yesterday going to the west, and there is no doubt that the remainder of the Japanese fleet was in the vicinity of Port Arthur. The Russian fleet also was seen outside Port Arthur yesterday."

Charge Denied. Tokyo, April 12.—10 a. m.—The charge emanating from Russian sources to the effect that Japanese troops engaged in the fight at Chefoo Ju, March 29th, abused the privilege of the Red Cross flag by taking refuge in a building occupied as a hospital, is indignantly denied here and pronounced a fabrication made to injure the Japanese in the eyes of the world.

An official investigation shows that the Japanese force engaged at Chefoo Ju had established a bandage station in the rear of their firing line, and it was used exclusively for the purpose of caring for the wounded. The Japanese Red Cross is an organization extensively organized. It did service in the war with China and both the society and the army have been found anxious in this war to conduct the work according to the ideals of civilization.

St. Petersburg, April 13.—9.30 p.m.—It was rumored here tonight that Rear-Admiral Prince Ouklonsky, acting commander of the Russian fleet at Port Arthur, engaged 13 Japanese warships off Port Arthur this afternoon.

Official Dispatches. St. Petersburg, April 13.—4.30 p.m.—The following dispatch has been received here from Rear-Admiral G. Gorovitch, commandant at Port Arthur, addressed to the Emperor: "Port Arthur, April 13.—The Petropavlovsk struck a mine which blew her up and she turned turtle. Our squadron was well under Golden Hill. The Japanese squadron was approaching. Vice-Admiral Makaroff evidently lost Grand Duke Cyril was saved. He was slightly injured. Capt. Jackovlev was saved, though severely injured, as were five other officers and 32 men, more or less injured. The enemy's fleet has disappeared. Rear-Admiral Prince Ouklonsky has assumed command of the fleet."

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It says Vice-Admiral Togo's fleet attacked Port Arthur in the morning and succeeded in sinking a battleship of the Petropavlovsk class and one torpedo boat destroyer.

The Japanese sustained no losses. One Japanese was wounded. A detailed report of the engagement is expected hourly.

THE BESZSTRICHNI LIST.

St. Petersburg, April 14.—Rear-Admiral Onklonsky wires from Port Arthur today that the Beszstrichni, one of the Russian torpedo boat destroyers sent out during the night to reconnoitre, became separated from the rest of the fleet, owing to bad weather prevailing, was surrounded by Japanese torpedo boat destroyers and sunk in the fight. Five men were saved.

Admiral Onklonsky adds: "I have taken command provisionally of the fleet since the disaster to the Petropavlovsk."

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The Associated Press is authoritatively informed that the dispatches given out last night were in the text as originally received, and represented the sum total of the Emperor's advice. The Emperor himself declared that every word should be published.

The Emperor's telegram is attributed to the death of Vice-Admiral Makaroff. Not until 10 o'clock this morning had fresh news reached the winter palace, and then in the form of a voluminous cipher telegram, which was immediately sent to the admiralty to be deciphered. This may take a long time, and it is doubtful whether the contents will be given out before late in the afternoon.

In the opinion of the Emperor's advisers the Petropavlovsk disaster occurred yesterday morning about 7 o'clock. It is presumed that Vice-Admiral Makaroff had sailed out from Port Arthur on the previous day to locate the enemy. Here are a few Pretty Jardinieres, Roman shape, in a great choice of blended colors, at 40c, 60c and \$1.25 each.

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over Korean newspapers which publish the movements of the Japanese troops. A Japanese riddle, which has followed the army over here, has brought in a quantity of counterfeit bank notes and Korean nickel coins for circulation among the ignorant natives, and the use of this false money is making much trouble.

The wretched condition of Korea's finances is evidenced by the fact that the war office is without funds, and it has been compelled to order the prefects along the routes taken by the Korean troops on their marches to the north to victual and supply the soldiers without compensation. In spite of this condition the minister of public instruction has proposed educational reforms, and the examination of graduates from the imperial schools.

MESSAGES OF CONDOLENCE. Emperor William, King of Italy and President Loubet Send Telegrams to the Czar. Paris, April 14.—President Loubet today telegraphed to Emperor Nicholas his profound condolences on the disaster to the Petropavlovsk and the death of Vice-Admiral Makaroff.

This dispatch, together with those of Emperor William and the King of Italy, sent to-day, is regarded here as significant of the acceptance of the European governments that the sinking of the Petropavlovsk was due to an accident, and did not occur during a battle with the Japanese ships. The officials say condolences over the results of a battle might involve a question of neutrality.

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Prior to sending of M. Loubet's telegram, the French embassy at St. Petersburg had received an official assurance that the accident was due to the Petropavlovsk striking a mine, which had become loosened from its mooring during the recent storm.

Some special dispatches received here assert that the Japanese torpedoed the Petropavlovsk, but the officials accept the Russian version of the sinking of the battleship. Foreign Minister Delcasse called at the Russian embassy to-day, and personally expressed his deep sympathy. Although without specific advice, the officials here say Vice-Admiral Makaroff's death probably will be Vice-Admiral Skrydloff, the commander of the Black Sea fleet, or Rear-Admiral Rojestvensky, in command of the Baltic squadron. The former shared Makaroff's reputation for energy and fighting ability, and recently visited the Emperor, who hesitated between Makaroff and Skrydloff. However, the latter's correspondence at St. Petersburg says Admiral Rojestvensky will probably succeed Admiral Makaroff.

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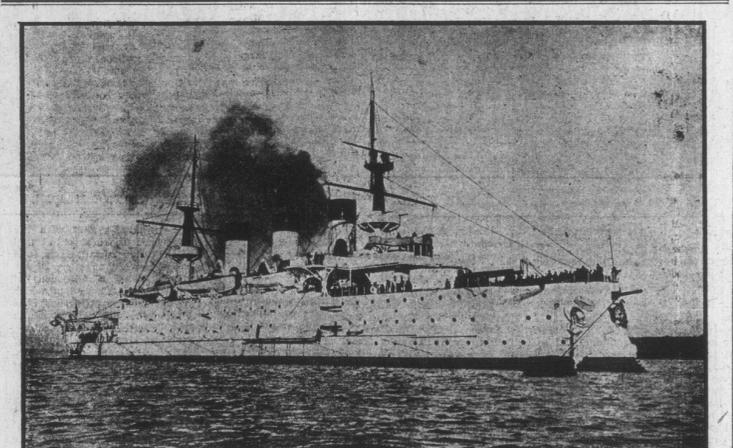
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WE CANNOT ISSU ANY MORE. NO ACCOMMODATION FOR FURTHER. City Superintendent Report. Provision Must Be Made Question Confronts. Several important matters discussed at the regular meeting of the board of school trustees. It was announced that of permits to new pupils of the Central school had been owing to the lack of an active steps will immediately be provided for the overflow of Trustee Mowat it is considered the advisability of fee for certain courses. Mrs. Jenkins, Boggs, Lewis, Dr. Hall, Chairman Jay. The principal of the school wrote asking for the board in the effort to library, by supplying the furnishing. Referred to and grounds committee. Mr. H. Huxtable, janitor school, asked for an salary. Trustee Hall moved communication with the board mid-summer. This was referred to City Clerk Dowler as receipt of two communication board. The first, regarding board, had been referred to school, had been referred to boiler for report. In connection request contained in the law providing for the schools had been drafted, a submitted to the ratepayers Received and filed. Col. Holmes, D. O. C., action of the appointment of Mulcahy as instructor of school cadet corps. The committee was referred to the E. B. Paul wrote asking for the High school grounds the table. Mr. Paul also recommended change of an Encyclopaedia B the library of Victoria C. was also laid over. This communication was referred to the condition of the grounds Referred to the buildings a committee. In a letter to the board tendent of education stated interviewed the Attorney-General the Chief Commissioner of Works, and had received a that a bill would be introduced next session of the legislature over the present site of West school to the board of trees. This was received and Dr. Hall, referring to the recently published in the local works, and had received a by imposing a fee on the over 16 years of age attendance schools. Even if these money would be used for the of the teaching staff nor would the expenditure. On the would reduce the income capitan allowance made by government by more than 8 this ridiculous nature of proposals in the municipality was evident. Supt. Easton reported that capita grant per quarter financial government based on actual attendance at the which was 2,342.61, at \$7.613.18. Then there was High school grant. Current monthly attendance of 1903 stated that the attendance in school showed an attendance compared with 2,717 for the ing month this year. The a foundation for the two months was 2,300 and 2,456, percentages were 87 and 90. The report was received a amounting to \$ reported by the board included one item of \$30 extra room at Victoria We approved and adopted The board also received a submitted a report recomprovements and repairs to costing \$65. This also included a suggestion that tenders had been the supply of "buzzers" and motion with the installation trial alarm system in the d the schools. The recommendation for it were adopted unanimously. The chairman favored this school exhibits at the recent Institute meeting at Vancouver that they were a distinct cited the admiration of all. He also stated that he had been discontinuing issuing permits mission of new pupils to school. This step had to be to the lack of accommodation condition of affairs could not to continue, and it was the trustees to make some provision. Trustee Dr. Hall moved the tion be referred to the bus grounds committee. The chairman favored this He pointed out that whether was defeated or not it would sary to make some temporary tion for the present, ground. The motion was carried. Trustee Lewis asked who had down in the school by- been a judgment should last



RUSSIAN BATTLESHIP POBIEDA Sustained Damage by Striking a Mine at Port Arthur, But Succeeded in Reaching Harbor.

which is occupied by the Japanese artillery. At low water it is possible to ford the Yalu, which flows in many shallow channels. The Japanese will utilize Koreans and Chinese in cutting timber from the concession which was formerly a source of dispute between Russia and Japan. Gen. Haragitchi, commander of the Japanese forces at Seoul, and suite, were received in audience by the Emperor of Korea to-day. The admiralty is more likely to succeed Vice-Admiral Makaroff than Rear-Admiral Rojestvensky. Doubtless the admiral's brother, an officer of the guards, when the Emperor's side-camp reached her residence at Peterhof with the message from His Majesty, breaking the news, and condoling with her. The admiral's brother returned with her to Peterhof. She was so prostrated with grief that she took to her bed. It is reported by those who went to see the widow that they found the whole town talking of nothing else but the loss of their beloved Makaroff. The admiral's house was dark and silent; the eyes of the admiralty at the door were red with weeping. The late Vice-Admiral Makaroff leaves in addition to a daughter, Lillie, who is 13 years of age, and is known as the "Belle of Kronstadt," an 11-year-old son, to whom he frequently wrote and telegraphed. His last message was dated April 13th, and conveyed his Easter greetings to his mother, and also stated that he was passing Easter evening on board a gunboat stationed at the mouth of the harbor. NAVAL STAFF DROWNED. Makaroff's Officers Went Down With the Petropavlovsk. St. Petersburg, April 14.—4.50 p.m.—Vice-Admiral Stark, formerly in command of the Russian fleet at Port Arthur, is quoted as saying: "In my opinion the Petropavlovsk struck on one of the contact mines laid off Cape Liao Shan, but which had been blown up by the Japanese torpedoes. The explosion was so violent, and which drifted under the stress of the south gales into the roadstead. It could not have been a mine laid near the entrance of the harbor, because the latter are not contact mines, but are fired by an electric wire from the shore." In naval circles are those who believe that the explosion was internal and not external. The word used in the official dispatch literally means "upset," which is equivalent to turned turtle. In support of this theory an internal explosion it is declared that the bodies of the victims were fearfully burned, some reports saying that Vice-Admiral Makaroff was blown to pieces. The loss of life involved in the tragedy is more serious than supposed, it being learned that Makaroff's whole naval staff was on board the Petropavlovsk. At 6.45 o'clock the Russians got under the shelter of the forts, but what source it comes is not known, is one to the effect that Makaroff was sitting in his stateroom with Rear-Admiral Rojestvensky, his chief of staff, when the ship was blown up. Alarming reports prevail regarding Grand Duke Cyril's condition, it is said that he is in a high fever, aggravated by the shock, which it is feared may bring about a crisis. The members of his family are greatly disturbed. The wounded Grand Duke is exceedingly popular, and the news of Rear-Admiral Makaroff's brother, it being generally understood that Grand Duke Vladimir, Cyril's father, would waive his rights in his son's favor. PERISHED ON DESTROYER. Forty-Five Officers and Men Drowned by Sinking of the Beszstrichni. St. Petersburg, April 14.—Forty-five officers and men perished on the torpedo boat destroyer Beszstrichni, whose destruction by the Japanese was announced to-day. A requiem mass for the repose of the souls of Vice-Admiral Makaroff and the other officers and the men of the Petropavlovsk was celebrated to-day in the admiralty house. The scene was touching and impressive. Outside twenty thousand people, among whom were many relatives of sailors lost, stood with bare heads and streaming eyes while the services were in progress. Inside the beautiful white marble church, its walls hung with militant tokens, were assembled the Emperor and the Imperial family, high officers of the army and navy, and the entire diplomatic corps, all in full uniform, and also many widows and families of the officers drowned. The galleries were crowded with Russian blue-jackets. UNDER CENSOR. Korean Newspapers Not Allowed to Publish News of Japanese Movements. Seoul, Korea, April 13.—The Japanese authorities have established a censorate