# TTACKS ON PORT ARTHUR REPORTED TO BE REPULSED.

await ac-official anouncement. The news was accompanied by two stories, one that after the first decisive Russian victory the Emperor would offer peace, and the other that Japan nad deposed the Emperor of Corea and formally annexed that country. Both these reports are without confirmation, and they are given simply as examples of the stories which floated about the excited crowds.

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newspapers and telegraph agency offices increased during the night, and the excitement attained the fever point when it was known that

fever point when it was known that the Czar had received a telegram giving more details, and showing the Russian victory was even greater than at first reported. When the re-port was distributed at the Ad-miralty at 2.30 o'clock this morning, a rush was made for the exits, and the assembled officers cheered wild-ly and repeatedly. The crowd's showed no inclination to disperse, hoping that further news would be received, showing the extent of the

ing any name. Stories to the effect that Japan-

ese designed an attempt at landing in Pigeon Bay at the same time an

engagement occurred are not men-tioned in the despatches, but it is assumed these are without founda-

# Togo's Bottling Scheme Seems to the valiant arms of Russia to maintain the honor and glory of the empire." to Have Failed.

# Manchurians Threaten to Rise Against Russian Rule.

London cable: A Japanese squad-on, during the night of Feb. 24, ried to block the entrance of Port ron, during the night of Feb. 24, tried to block the entrance of Port Arthur harbor, and at the same time attacking Russian warships there with torpedo boats. The Russian ships, supported by the coast batteries, repelled this attack, forced the Japanese to retire, and succeeded in sinking four of their vessels. Viceroy Alexieff's official despatch to the Czar is as follows;

"At a quarter before three in the morning of Feb. 24, numerous Japanese torpedo boats attempted to attack the battleship Retivizan and sink large steamers loaded with inflammables. The Retivizan was the first to observe the torpedo boats, and opened a strong fire on them. She was supported by the land batteries. She destroyed two steamers near the entrance of the harbor. They were coming directly towards her. One of them went on the rocks near the lighthouse on Tiger Penin-sula, and the other sank under Gold-en Hill. The Retvizan observed two steamers in a sinking condition, and eight torpedo boats departing slowly to rejoin the waiting Japanese war-ships. A number of the crews of the Japanese vessels were drowned. The grounded steamer is still burning. The enemy is observed in the offing

of Port Arthur in two lines."
"The Japanese saved themselves in boats, and it is possible that some of them being picked up by some of the enemy's torpedo, boats. 'I am proceeding to examine the

coast. "The entrance to the harbor is

open,
"I attribute the complete de-rangement of the enemy's plan to the brilliant action and destructive the brilliant action and destructive fire of the Retvizan. Floating mines are still visible in the roadstead. I have recalled the three cruisers sent in pursuit of the enemylin order, in the first place, to clear the roadstead of floating mines.

"We had no losses."

Details of the Attack. of the attack comes from several other sources, most of the accounts occurring in stating that the Japanese were repulsed with loss of vertain small vessels. There is at present no version from the Japenese side, but from the Rus-sian despatches, and those furnished by special correspondents it is ap-parent that Admiral Togo tried to repeat on a larger scale the feat performed by Lieut. Hobson at Santiago. With a view to sealing up the harbor and bottling up the Russian vessels within, he sent some small steamers laden with explosives and escorted by torpedo boats. What happened is not yet accurately known. His object may have been obtained, notwithstanding his alleged repulse, for it is con-fidently stated, that vessels is

fidently stated that vessels sunk, and apparently near the mouth of the harbor. All the known circumstances of the position at Port Arthur point to the extreme daring of the attempt from which it is easily possible that none of the hardy adventurers re-

turned.

The Harbin corre condent of the Chronicle, confirming the reports of the attack, says that the alair was an attempt to repeat the first was an attempt to repeat the feat of Licert. Hobson in sinking the Mer-rimac in the entrance to the Bay of Santiago. He says that the Rus-sian cruiser Rutvizan, which has re-mained on the rocks than the on the rocks since she was disabled in the first Japanese at-tack, fired on the aggressors and sank all of them at a distance from

St. Petersburg correspondent to Central News, states that he Central News, states that Japanese planned to sink some harges in the strait leading from the outer to the inner harbor of Port Arthur, thus blocking the exit. The Rassian gun fire, however, sank the burges b fore they arrived strait leading from sank the barges b fora at the intended spot.

Did Ja . tr 'o Land? Chefco cable: The Russian Con-

ST. PETERSGURG GOES WILD. Story of the Engagement as Told by

St. Petersburg cable: Reports of Russian victory at Port Arthur were current L. yesherday, and bout midnight day seemed to have been definitely confirmed, but in the absence of the official announce-ments, the stores of the dimensions of the victory were most conflicting. Rumors were spread far and wide of the even g and the crowds which had gathered in the streets, in spite of the source of P1 to discuss the power will upper. In Rusian trade of the source of P1 to discuss the power will upper. In Rusian trade of the source of P1 to discuss the power will upper. In Rusian trade of the source of P1 to discuss the power will upper. In Rusian trade of the source of P1 to discuss the power will upper. In Rusian trade of the power will upper the tr then the circuit de hip arch even cause, I am persuaded that the army from around the ewspaper offices, and that will deal the is become

A ROYAL NURSE. Divorced Princess Alice to Join the

Rome cable: Don Jaime, son of Don Carlos, the pretender to the Spanish throne, will leave here on Thursday, for St. Petersburg, and expects to accompany Gen. Kouropatkin to the far east. He declares he is enthusiastic to give his sword and life for Russia, and declares that Russia must win. He added that Japan was pushed to this war by

that Russia must win. He added that Japan was pushed to this war by the Anglo-Saxon countries, and that Russia will never forget this.

Princess Alice, sister of Don Jamie, who was recently separated from her husband, the Prince of Schoenbourg-Waldenbourg, is also now in Rome. She will soon leave for the far east, however, to act as Russian Red Cross nurse. Referring to her new duties recently, the Princess said: "After my recent miseries I cannot find greater solace than in helping those who are fighting and helping those who are fighting and suffering for the honor of their

Britain to Support Japan.

London cable: Reports so conflicted with the Ambassador's that Count Lamsdorff, the Russian Foreign Minister, was ultimately unable to convince the Czar that they were wrong. They insisted that Great Britain would not fulfill her pledges Britain would not fulfill her pledges to Japan in the event of war, while their co-agents in Paris concurrently insisted that Japan was bluffing. Their intrigues led to Prime Minister Baffour's public declaration that Great Britain would observe the terms of her alliance with Japan, which was intended not only to enlighten M. Poblendonostzeff's pan-Slavist agents in London, but their friends in Paris, who, co-operating with Count de Mun, were trying to make impossible the position of Foreign Minister Delcasse because he declined to abandon an attitude of hoping that further news would be received, showing the extent of the fussian victory.

It must hop observed that in his despatch Viceroy Alexieff does not mention the number of steamers which the Japanese tried to sink or drive upon the Russian ships, and it is not yet known whether the four vessels the captain of the Retvizan observed going down in addition to those destroyed, were also laden clined to abandon an attitude

clined to abandon an attitude of strict neutrality.

The intrigues were brought to King Edward's notice by a very high French politician. His Majesty therefore asked Count Benckendorff to make it thoroughly understood in St. Petersburg that any move of France outside the strictest neutrality, would bring Great Britain into the field alongside of Japan. "At this moment," adds the News, "the success of Count Benckendorff's misthose destroyed, were also laden with exposives, or whether they were warships. The greatest praise is given to the commander of the Retvizan, and the splendid action of this boat places her name foremost on the roll of the Russian navy.
Viceroy Alexief's despatch was in amplification of a briefer telegram received by the Czar early, but which was not given out. Later it was said that Russia sustained no losses in success of Count Benckendorff's mis-sion, on which may depend not only the limitation of the war, but Eurothe engagement.
It is evident that Vice-Admiral pean complications over the Balkan question, remains doubtful." Stark no longer commands the Russian Port Arthur naval forces, Viceroy Alexieff mentioned a temporary commander of the fleet without givernments.

France's Navy.

Paris cable: In a statement to he Nayhi Commission, M. Pelletan, Minister of Marine, declared that he was unable to forsee the possibility of a conflict, but it was necessary to be prepared for all eventualities. The ravy, he added, is in excellent condition. Referring to the Far East, M. Pelletan said it was imposus the vessels injured in the cour- of the existing boats.

as the vessels injured in the courageous exploit, was seen steaming at full speed in a southerly course from Wei-Hai-Wei, in interpreted as an indication of the Japanese admirable activities with the statement of the existing boats.

PROTECTORATE OVER COREA Japan Announces That She Has Con

cuded such a real.

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eral Jajanese vess is attacked Port Arthur ye terdiy, and that four of them were destroyed. The attack failed Unofficial reports confirm this statement, with slight variables. It is stated that the Russian fleet remained in the harbor.

CZAR'S LATEST SPEECH.

Consoled by Expressions of Patriotism Prom Everywhere.

Steck squadron.

New York despatch: A despatch from Washington to the Herald says of the Japanese treaty with Carea: There is much anxiety to see how Russia's ally, France, will accept this Oriental alliance against Russia. Corea is not a strong power, but it is St. Petersburg cable: Public feeling has been relieved by the appointment of Gen. Now, opatkin and Admiral Makareff to command in the far east. The newspapers are publishing glowing eulogies of them, and they enjoy light esteem and full confidence in all quarters. Subseptions in aid of the victims of the war increase daily, and come from all classes and races. The Russophle demonstrations in France have cre-

classes and races. The Russophile of classes and races in France can be full confide to in France.

The Czar, in thanking the St. Petter crossing lenst of the light to file 1 quart r that the power, will upper h Russian view of the light to file 1 quart r that the power, will upper h Russian view of the light to file 1 quart r that the power will upper h Russian view of the light to file 1 quart r that the power will upper h Russian view of the light to file 1 quart r that the power will upper h Russian view of the light to file 1 quart r that the power will upper h Russian view of the light to file 1 quart r that the power will upper h Russian view of the light to file 1 quart r that the power will upper h Russian view of the light to file 1 quart r that the power will upper h Russian view of the light to file 1 quart r that the power will upper h Russian view of the light to file 1 quart r that the power will upper h Russian view of the light to file 1 quart r that the power will upper h Russian view of the light to file 1 quart r that the power will upper h Russian view of the light to file 1 quart r that the power will upper h Russian view of the light to file 1 quart r that the power will upper h Russian view of the light to file 1 quart r that the power will upper h Russian view of the light to file 1 quart r that the power will upper h Russian view of the light to file 1 quart r that the power will upper h Russian view of the light to file 1 quart r that the power will upper h Russian view of the light to file 2 quart r that the power will upper h Russian view of the light to file 2 quart r that the power will upper h Russian view of the light to file 2 quart r that the power will upper h Russian view of the light to file 2 quart r that the power will upper h Russian view of the light to file 2 quart r that the power will upper h Russian view of the light to gram it if do hit is the night and convinced of the justice of our own it is a the night and convinced of the justice of our own in r q r d a th questo then the converse of the property of t will definit ly ail a when the t rms

of peace are considered. In the mean-time-official originon here is strong-ly sympathetic with Russia's posi-tion, and it is considered that Rus-sia's note to the powers protesting against Japan's violation of Corean neutrality fully protects Russia's international rights, as the protest is the official announcement of the conclusion of the tranty. The For-eign Office considers the announce-ment confirmatory to view Russia's protest to the powers was designed to reserve all her rights and to pre-vent international acceptance of the treaty establishing a protec-torate, as announced in these de-spatches yesterday.

RUSSIA PROTESTS.

Japan Has Violated International Laws.

St. Petersburg cable: Foreign Minister Lamsdorf yesterday sent the following circular to Russian representatives abroad:
"Since the rupture of the negotiations between Russia and Japan the attitude of the Tokio Cabinet has constituted open violation of all customary laws governing mutual relations of civilized nations. Without specifying each particular violation of the continuous processions of civilized nations. out specifying each particular Mo-lation of these laws on the part of Japan, the Imperial Government considers it necessary to draw the most serious attention of the pow-ers to the acts of violence commitwith respect to Corea. The inde-pendence and interrity of Corea, as a fully independent empire, has been fully recognized by all the pow-ers, and the inviolability of this fun-damental, policible recognized. ers, and the invioled lity of this fundamental principle was confirmed by article 1 of the Shimonoscki treaty, and by the agreement especially conducted for this purpose between Japan and Great Britain on Jan. 30, 1903, as by the Franco-Russian declaration of March 16, 1902."

As Viewed in Paris.

Paris cable: Russia has the sympathetic support of France in the former's latest presentations to the former's latest presentations to the powers that Japan is guilty of a violation of international law in consequence of the attacks upon the Russian warships at Port Arthur and Chemulpo before the declaration of war. No intention exists in of-ficial circles to take up the Russian note on the subject with a view of pressing action by the powers, and it is said that nothing effecand it is said that nothing effec-tive could be done in this direction. In this connection attention is called to the occupation of Corea by Japanese troops, in spite of the declaration of Corean neutrality. It is suggested in diplo-matic circles that France, which has been charged with the protec-tion of Russian interests in Corea, could properly make objection to the Japanese action. But nothing of this kind has yet been done.
At the Corean Legation here to-day it was said that Corea had declared her neutrality from the out-set, and that therefore if the Jap-anese occupied Corean territory and proposed marching, through Corea on their way to Manchuria, it was not with Coreas consent but he

The Legation officials added that the fifty thousand stands of arms recently ordered by Corea from France will remain at Hong Kong for the present, in order that they may not be seized by the Japanese. ALEXIEFF MAY BE RECALLED.

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That is He Will Ask to be Relieved Owing to Ill Health.

AS VIEWED IN LONDON.

Deductions From the Report of Admiral Alexieff.

London cable; Viceroy Alexieff's despatch to the Car concerning the last Port Arthur affair confirms the opinion that Admiral Togo made a daring attempt to blow up the Russian fleet at Port Arthur, and although Viceroy Alexieff asserts that the entrance to the harbor of Port Arthur is still free, the fact that Admiral Togo's fleet, minutes the vessels injured in the courageous evaluit manufacture.

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As VIEWED IN LONDON.

St. Petersburg cable: The appointment of the Russian fler eactern fleet, is officially an council. He will control the entire navan movements in far eastern waters. General Kour-patkin will have supreme military command. Admiral Alexieff.

Alexieff St. Petersburg cable: The appointment of the Russian flet as commander of t thority locally, affected his au-thority locally, and hence the de-termination to restore Russian pre-tieg by rending commanders of known capacity. It is being said that Admiral Alexieff's health will

leans, Albany and Wilmington joined the Raleigh and Monadnock here to-day. The Cincinnati, Apnapolis and Frolic are expected to-morrow.

BLACKISEA FLEET.

No Request Made for the Passage Through Dardaneties.

London cable: The Paris cor-respondent of the Times denies the rumors of negotiations for the passage of the Russian Black Sea fleet through the Dardaneiles. He says there is nothing substantial in the idea that Russin seriously entertained such a movement. On the other hand, the St. Petersburg correspondent of the Daily Telegraph claims to know with absolute certainty that Russia a week ago telegraphed to the Russian Ambassador at Constantinople to obtain the Porte's authorization, exceptionally and once only, for the warships to pass. The Ambassador, his dependent of the Mindsof Mill, the only remain-however, took it upon himself to refuse to make the request officially or unofficially, submitting to St. Petersburg his reasons, which the Foreign Office regarded as so confactured in the Dominion.

BRITAIN AND FRANCE SETTLING THEIR DISPUTES.

### Calombians Declared to be Ready to Invade Panama as-Soon as the Canal Treaty is Signed.

New York, Feb. 29.—A cable from New York, Feb. 29.—A cable from had sufficiently recovered his health to come from Brighton to this city to-day to preside at a Cabinet meeting. Prior to the meeting the Exercise to the recovery of the Lorizontal States after news of the advance arto the meeting the French Ambassador, M. Cambon, called at the Foreign Office and had an hour's talk with Foreign Secretary Lansdowne. The Ambassado 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 being arranged. Such questions as Egypt, Morocco, New-foundland, etc., have been fully discuss-ed by the two Governments for some months, and the differences are being gradually climinated, until practically nothing remains to prevent an early signature of a treaty removing all outstanding obstacles to a complete accord between the two powers.

Panama Canal Treaty.

London, Feb. 29.-The War Office Panama to the Herald says ratification Panama to the Herald says ratification of the Panama Canal treaty resulted in the immediate recall of the U. S. warships and about hal; of the marines from the isthmus. Despite Colombia's internal disturbances, letters just received from there declare that the Colombiances are received from the colombiances. soldiers has been sent from Cartagena

Portland, Me., Feb. 29.—Charles F. B. Laubrick shot his wife, Mary, probably fatally, and then killed himself at their home at East Deering last night. The weapon used was a 32-calibre revolver. The woman's condition is critical. Laubrick was about 40 years of age, and his wife was five years his senior. They were married about a year age.

were married about a year ago.

The police believe that the shooting followed a quarrel, and that Laubrick was under the influence of liquor at the

A Fatal Fire.

Colorado Springs, Col., Feb. 29.—Two lives and probably three were lost in a fire that destroyed three buildings and threatened the entire business section of the city control of the cit the city early to-day. The dead are Lela Smith, aged 15, and a man whose tion.

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The girl perished in her room at a lodging house. Her mother, Mrs, Mary Smith, escaped by jumping from the room. The remains of the man were found in the debris. Loss, about \$10,000. Charged With Murder.

Seattle, Wash., Feb. 29.-A special to ceived 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 and troops on the border will invade Panama anyhow. The last information from the coast is that another retgiment of the coast is that another retgiment of soldiers has been sent from Cartagena succeed because he had taken the rowsucceed because he had taken the pow der out of the cartridges.

clusive, that the matter was allowed to drop entirely.

Nothing is known in London of the rumored ordering of British ships to the Dardanelles.

Troops in a tant Way.

London cable: According to a st. Peter-birg despatch printed in the Daily Telegraph, Count Lamsdorf is anxious to retire from the Russian Foreign Office. He will be succeeded by M. de Witte, who will retain the presidency of the Council. M. de Witte's opponents have been lately compelled to acknowledge that everything he predicted long ago concerning the war. In sheen strikingly verified, while the Alexieff-Bezabriz off clique has wocfully failed. Bezabrazolf, the ringleader of the jugoes, has fallen into disgrace, and his career is ended. Co craft Kouro at 1 ' ' in dr g rd him as having been sidetrakeed; de-Troops in a that Way. him as having been sidetrakeed; de-claring that he has been sent to the far east to rum his reputation, as the task allotted to him is nearly

The correspondent adds that the The correspondent adds that the most disquieting news continues to be received regarding the way things are going at the front. There is an alarming sick list and a searcity of doctors. It is noteworthy that 60 Jewish doctors were sent to the front on Monday.

3,000 a Day.

St. Petersburg cable: It is announced that Prince Khilkoff, Minister of Public Works and Railways, having superintended the laying of rails across the ice on Lake Kaikli, with the control of the contro has gone into Manchuria. and 3,000 men daily at their desti-nation, but the transportation of each contingent will occupy six weeks It is stated that reinforce-

low Harbor Beach, when the Tarret Crown, also urbound, endeavored to pass on the port side of the Waverley and her tow, but in doing so her port side, abreast the boiler house, damaging her so that she sank before the crew had time to save their personal effects. Then, the libel states, the Turret Crown struck the death sontence was commuted and Crosthwaite, inflicting damages, to Crosthwaite, inflicting damages to the extent of \$3,000. The amount claimed includes the value of the lost vessel, the coal cargo, freight on same, the value of the personal effects of the crew, and the damages to the Crosthwaite.

DEAR PORRIDGE LOOKED FOR.

Windsor, Ont., Feb. 29.—It has just leaked out that Orr Bros', octmeal mill of this city, has been absorbed by the trust, the Canadian Oatmeal Manufacin Ontario alone. The combine has been after the Windsor Mill, the only remain

London.-The British steamer Lake Michigan has been floated and towed into

New York.—The steamer Roma, which arrived to-day from Marseilles, was detained at quarantine on account of smallpox on board, but will be released later in the day. The steamer was disinfected

London.-Conor O'Kelly, Nationalise member of Parliament for the north division of Mayo, sailed on the Oceanic to-day, from Queenstown for New York. lie expects to remain four months in Ar

London .- New York post office officials are on board the steamer Oceanic, which left Queenstown to-day for New York, inaugurating a new arrangement for British mail steamers, the sorting of letters during a voyage.

Newtonville, Ont .- John Brightwell. jun., a prosperous farmer, of this place, dropped dead yesterday, in company with a neighbor, driving cattle to Port

Windsor.—The Windsor Bricklayers Workers' Union, at a meeting last night decided to stand against the open shop

death sentence was commuted and "John Doe" was sent to Dorchester pentientiary for life. His reckless disposition rebelled time and again against the discipline. As an in-corrigible he was transferred to the in solitary confinement.

six years ago, with Doe and Biddle as ringleaders, an organized attempt was made to break out of the prison of isolation. Doe and his companions were before Judge Pres for this offence but on the prison of the prison were before Judge Pres for this offence but on the prison of the offence, but so cleverly did Doe plead his case, that he was me given additional punishment, but the others were. For some time Doe had been in the insane ward. Three weeks ago he had a paralytic stroke and was sent to the hosgital. He was was sent to the hospital He was well educated, of fine appearance and undoubtedly came from a good fam-