

CORKS PT. ARTHUR WITH SEVEN SHIPS

Rumored That Togo Did the
Trick On March 22.

WITH NEW FLEET WITHOUT LOSS

Another Russian Captain Charged
With Selling Military Secrets
to the Japs.

London, Friday, March 25. — The Daily Telegraph publishes a dispatch from its Tokyo correspondent, yesterday's date, which says: "On the night of March 22 the Japanese fleet renewed the attempt to bottle up Port Arthur. Sixteen warships escorted seven merchant steamers to the mouth of the harbor, and under cover of the bombardment the steamers ran and were sunk in desired positions. Three thousand Japanese officers and blue-jackets volunteered for this duty. An official report is expected this evening."

TOGO'S ACCOUNT.
Tokyo, March 24. — Vice-Admiral Togo's report of the attack on Port Arthur, which was made on March 22, reached Tokyo tonight, and was as follows:

"The combined fleet acted according to the plan arranged. Two flotillas of destroyers were outside Port Arthur, as instructed, from the night of the 21st, until the morning of the 22nd. Although during this time our destroyers were under the fire of the enemy, they sustained no damage. "The main fleet arrived off Port Arthur at 8 o'clock on the morning of the 22nd. "I dispatched a part of the fleet in the direction of Pigeon Bay, and ordered the battleships Fuji and Yashima to make an indirect bombardment against the inner side of the fort."

"During the bombardment the enemy's ships gradually came out of the harbor, and at the time, when the indirect bombardment stopped, which was about 2 o'clock, the number of Russian ships was five battleships, four cruisers and several destroyers. "We believed the enemy was retreating by making a movement of their fleet to draw us near the forts. The enemy's ships shelled us indirectly, and many of their shells fell near the battleship Fuji, but our ships sustained no damage. "About 2 o'clock our vessels withdrew off the port."

UNCONFIRMED AS USUAL.
The Daily Telegraph's circumstantial report from its Tokyo correspondent, that the Japanese succeeded in bottling up Port Arthur on the night of March 22, is not confirmed from any other quarter. The special dispatches to the other morning papers announce no new developments in the situation, but throw a few side-lights on the operations. The Standard's Tien Tsun correspondent says that Vice-Admiral Alexeff renewed his demand for the withdrawal of all Chinese officials and soldiers from Manchuria, on the ground that otherwise it would be impossible to conduct the war properly.

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GREAT FIRE IN PANAMA

Entire Commercial Section of Bocas Del Toro Was Destroyed.

Panama, March 25. — By recent destruction of the second battalion of Panama troops on the isthmus is disbanded, leaving only one battalion under the colors, and the vessels forming the Panama navy are offered for sale. Owing to the recent fire at Bocas Del Toro, the four Government secretaries have been sent there by President Amador to study the means to be taken to repair the damages sustained by the town. They sailed from Colon last night, taking relief supplies for the inhabitants. Almost the entire commercial part of Bocas Del Toro (about 20 miles west of Colon), was destroyed March 6, involving a loss of about five hundred thousand dollars.

THE BALKAN REFORMS

Saraffoff to Hold Off Until Scheme Has Been Tried

London, March 25. — According to the dispatch received today from Constantinople the Porte and the Austro-Russian embassies have reached an agreement in regard to the reforms of the Macedonian gendarmerie under European officers, so it is believed that it will not be long before the reform scheme for Macedonia, agreed upon by the Emperors of Russia and Austria at their meeting at Mueretok, Syria, last year, in support of the Macedonian gendarmerie, will be put into effect. It is believed that the reforms will be in full operation.

In an interview at Sofia March 24, Saraffoff, the Macedonian leader, said his party intended to await the result of the introduction of the reforms before launching a fresh insurrection.

SOUTHWESTERN TRACTION

Railway Committee Permits Issuing of Bonds for \$25,000 a Mile.

Toronto, March 25. — The railway committee of the Legislature today passed the bill giving the Southwestern Traction Company authority to issue bonds for \$25,000 a mile, but the clause giving authority to receive shares in other companies as a gift was struck out.

IT'S ALL OVER BUT THE CHEERS

Kuropatkin Tells Just How He Will Whip the Japs.

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KAISER TRIES TO MAKE TROUBLE

A German Intrigue to Push
France Into the Mix-Up.

YONGHAMPHO OPEN TO WORLD

British and Chinese at Shanghai Rejoicing at the Russian Defeat.

Paris, March 25. — Despite reports from Berlin to the effect that France and Russia are exchanging views relative to firm action against the Chinese troops in Manchuria, in such exchanges as are being made, there is not the slightest intention of intervening against the activity of the Chinese troops. The officials here have been advised of Russia's protest to Pekin against the presence of strong Chinese forces on the Korean peninsula. However, the view is held here that Russia's objections are well founded. However, it is regarded as distinctly a question for Russia to deal with, and there has not been any idea of France exerting a restraining influence on China. The authorities here are of the opinion that the Berlin reports are part of the German intrigue seeking to embroil France in war complications.

OPEN TO THE WORLD.

Tokyo, March 25. — The formal announcement that Korea had decided to open the port of Yonghampho, to the world, was made today, but the actual date of the opening was not determined therein.

IT PLEASED THE BRITISH.

St. Petersburg, March 25. — 1:45 p.m. — A correspondent on his way to the far east writes that Chita, Siberia, "which formerly was populated by dogs, is now alive with troops. He saw a mounted battery drawn by tiny Mongolian ponies. Prices are very high, and the supplies cannot last more than four months. The Russian army is busy with troop transportation to haul provisions. The military trains are proceeding with great rapidity. The Bourgeoisie, in a leading article on Japophilism, maintains that the pro-Japanese sympathy among the commercial nations at the outbreak of the war, is not being sustained, owing to the fuller realization that the growth of Japan as a nation is a danger to the European powers."

A correspondent at Port Arthur has returned there from Shanghai. He says that the British are rejoicing at the news of the Japanese victories and that bulletins in English and Chinese are distributed in the street reporting the destruction of the Russian fleet and the fall of Port Arthur.

WAR NOTES.

The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Echo de Paris says that the head of the American Ordnance Company has had an interview with High Admiral Grand Duke Alexis. He will go to London Saturday next to solicit the troops arriving at the war office to remain in St. Petersburg during the entire period of the duration of the war. This period he will return to St. Petersburg immediately.

A Korean accused of being a Russian spy has been executed at Ping Yang by the Japanese. Marquis Ito was the guest of honor at the banquet given by the British minister resident, J. N. Jordan, and the British colony at Seoul.

The troops of the Russian army are in good health and spirits, weather-beaten, and in some cases with frost-bitten faces, and are well equipped. The work of constructing the Trans-Siberian Railroad, with whom he has been conferring regarding the prompt transportation of troops and supplies. The work of constructing the Trans-Siberian Railroad around Lake Baikal is in such shape that Prince Khilkoff, who is at the head of the system of Russian military railroad communication, feels that he can relinquish immediate personal supervision of it. The prince will leave today for St. Petersburg.

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A special from Berlin says the Schlessische Zeitung announces that it was not the Russian torpedo boat destroyer Skori that was blown up by a floating torpedo in the harbor of Port Arthur on March 16, but the armored cruiser Bayan. Almost the entire crew of 700 men, according to the Zeitung, were killed. The cablegram has been received at the United States state department from United States Minister Allen at Seoul, that the Russian submarine torpedo boat, which was blown up, was the floating ice makes crossing extremely difficult. There has been some slight skirmishing, but few casualties so far.

BIG HALIFAX FIRE.

Halifax, N. S., March 25. — Fire this morning caused damage to the extent of \$20,000 or \$40,000 on Conial Wharf, where the warehouse of Frank Crowe, wholesale grocer, was completely gutted and the stock ruined. Insurance \$10,000.

THE WAR NEWS.

From Tokio comes an unofficial dispatch saying that Togo made his fifth attack on Port Arthur March 22, and that he succeeded in blocking the entrance by the sinking of seven merchantmen manned by volunteer crews. Togo's official account of the bombardment of the 22nd makes no mention of an attempt to bottle the Russians. He tells of shelling the fortress and of a brief engagement with Makarov's fleet. If reports from St. Petersburg sources are correct Japan has greatly modified her original plan of campaign. Besides holding Korea, Russia believes the Mikado intends to land an army on the west shore of the Gulf of Liao Tung. This is Chinese territory and its occupation by either of the combatants would be a grave breach of neutrality. If it is true, it indicates that the Chinese are on the verge of allying themselves with the Japs. Reports of skirmishes of scouts and outposts are to hand. All of them are of a trivial nature, but indicate that the opposing armies in Korea are not far apart. Another Russian officer has been accused of selling military secrets to the Japanese. Kuropatkin has reached Lake Balkal and another week will see him up on the scene of the war. It is supposed he will play a waiting game mazing his armies until the moment comes to make a grand stroke for victory.

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WEATHER BULLETIN.

TOMORROW-COLDER.
London, Friday, March 25.
Sun rises, 6:12 a.m. Moon rises, 11:50 p.m.
Sun sets, 6:30 p.m. Moon sets, 1:38 a.m.
Toronto, March 25. — 8 a.m.
The weather has been fair and mild from the lake region to the Maritime Provinces, and very stormy in Manitoba and the Territories, accompanied by snow. The important disturbance mentioned last night is now centered in Minnesota.
Minimum and maximum temperatures: Montreal, 20 below-15; Prince Albert, 20 below-12; Winnipeg, 18-36; Port Arthur, 22-40; Parry Sound, 12-40; Toronto, 23-42; Ottawa, 24-36; Montreal, 23-40; Quebec, 24-38; Halifax, 22-42.

FORECASTS.

Friday, March 25-26 a.m.
Today—Strong winds, shifting to west and northwest; mild today, with occasional showers.
Saturday—Colder.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations.	8 a.m.	Min.	Weather.
Winnipeg.	20	10	Snow.
Parry Sound.	20	10	Cloudy.
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THE HIGHEST AND LOWEST READINGS OF THE THERMOMETER AT THE OBSERVATORY FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT 8 P.M. THURSDAY WERE: HIGHEST, 50°; LOWEST, 23°.

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Application to Appeal Against
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Privy Council Is Now the Only Resort of the Company.

Manager Carr Says Suit Will Be
Brought Against the City for
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The London Street Railway Company is beaten at every turn! Today at Ottawa the company's appeal to the supreme court against the judgment secured against them by the City of Toronto, some time ago, was refused, and the city thus wins another point, and all but clinches in every quarter the victory over the company. The over-sea members were guests at the chamber at a magnificent banquet tonight. Lord Brassey was chairman, and the speakers were Lord Alverstone, Lord Strathcona, George Drummond, A. Hodgson and H. Ames, of Montreal.

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ICE CAUSED EARTHQUAKES

Duluth, Minn., March 25.—Richard Brown and other residents of Minnesota Point, Duluth, report that of late they have experienced a series of shocks of a pronounced character. The shocks have been numerous and at intervals were severe. Brown says that one of the tremblings of the earth caused the porch to fall away from his house. The stovepipes came down and dishes rattled on the shelves. A number of the United States engineer corps here attributes the phenomena to pressure of the great field of ice on Lake Superior. The wedge-shaped field 100 miles long, 70 miles wide at the base and 7 miles wide at the head of the lake, is capable of exerting an enormous pressure when the wind is northeast. The ice is too heavy to break and buckle and the pressure is direct.

HOW HUBBARD DIED

Death of the Explorer Confirmed by His Companion.
Williamstown, Mass., March 24. — The report of the death of Leonidas Hubbard, jun., assistant editor of Outing Magazine, while on an exploring expedition in Labrador was confirmed yesterday by a letter received by one of A. Dutton Wallace, a former Williamstown man, who is the surviving white man of the party. The letter was written by Wallace at Northampton, Mass., and dated nearly two months after the death of Hubbard, and it tells of his death and of the narrow escape of Wallace. While in the deep interior Hubbard's strength failed him, and the party started back, hoping to reach the coast. When Hubbard was able to go no further, Wallace and the Indian guide, made him comfortable and went on for provisions and assistance. Wallace found a quantity of flour which the party left on its way in, about twelve miles from the place where Hubbard was left and started back with it, while George went forty miles beyond to find a party of trappers. On the return trip Wallace lost his way in the deep snow, and was near death and out of his mind when found by George's party. Wallace was now regaining his strength, but Hubbard died the same day.

A TRIP UNDER WATER

La Crosse, Wis., March 25.—As soon as the water of the Mississippi River is warm enough to permit a swimmer to start, will start to walk from this city to St. Louis, about 600 miles, on the bed of the river. Hoffman was once a deep sea diver and claims he can make the trip in safety in four months. He will be accompanied by a boat carrying air pumps and provisions, and claims he will leave the water only for meals and to sleep. Hoffman has already ordered a special diving suit in which to make the novel trip.