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Naval Battle at Port Arthur Saturday: Raiders Cut Line of Siberian Railroad

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Berlin, Feb. 23. — The Lokal Anzeiger today, in a dispatch from Tokyo says: "A fresh engagement took place at Port Arthur Saturday last. The details have not been announced by the Government."

Tokio, Feb. 22. — It is reported here that Vice-Admiral Togo has again attacked Port Arthur. It is impossible to conform the statement, but the navy department says it has had no news from Togo today. It is considered probable that the vice-admiral has made another attack on the Russians as he is engaged in blockading Port Arthur.

JAP RAIDERS SUCCESSFUL.
New York, Feb. 23. — Raiding parties of Japanese and natives of Siberia, according to a special to the World from Chefoo have attacked the Siberian Railway and broken the line in several places.

RUSSIAN SCOUTS.
Seoul, Feb. 23. — A telegram received from a foreigner at Peking says that the report that Russian scouts are at Anju, is authentic. The telegram also says that the natives at Peking are in a panic-stricken state, but foreigners are not threatened.

THANKED THE BRITISHERS.
Tokio, Feb. 23. — The Mikado this morning received in audience Captain Lee and his staff, who had been sent to the British navy, and thanked them for navigating the Japanese armoured cruisers Nishino and Kasuga from Genoa, Italy, to Japan. His majesty conferred on them the order of the Rising Sun and presented them with gifts of silver and other work from the imperial collection.

The foreign crew of the Nishino sailed for home on the steamer Siberia, from Yokohama, by way of San Francisco.

THE BEAR'S FINANCES.
New York, Feb. 23. — A dispatch to the Sun from Berlin says: "It is reported that Russia's financial position is in a desperate state. The deposits being withdrawn from the European banks, has begun to withdraw her deposits from western European banks."

Stories are current that she is already in financial difficulties, and preparing to draw upon Finland's gold supplies. This will be partly offset by establishing Russian currency in Finland and partly by substituting branches of the Russian Imperial Bank for the Bank of Finland.

NEW WAR MINISTER.
St. Petersburg, Feb. 23. — General Sakharoff, chief of staff of the military district of Moscow, has been appointed to act as minister of war during the absence of General Kurapatkin, whose appointment to command the Russian military forces in the Far East was gazetted yesterday.

The Russian transports Orel, with 1,225 troops on board, and the Suvorov, loaded with ammunition and provisions, both arrived at Port Said today from Suez, and will proceed to Odessa during the day.

ALL OVER BUT CHEERS.
Russia Says Japan Will Be Crushed by Next September.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 23. — "The war will end in August or September in the complete defeat of the Japanese," said to the Associated Press today a high authority in intimate touch with the Russian war plans, whose opinion can be taken with confidence. He believed in the highest official quarters. He added: "How the Japanese can hope to succeed when our army in the east is strengthened to a point equal or superior in numbers to that of our adversaries we are honestly unable to comprehend. It will not be difficult to place two, four or even six hundred thousand additional men in the field, if necessary. When our forces are concentrated and ready they will finish by driving the Japanese into the sea. Frankly, it seems to us that the Japanese either have utterly failed to appreciate Russia's resources, or have counted on the aid of Great Britain or the United States, neither of which ever contemplated being in the position so far as Great Britain is concerned we do not believe any hallucinations existed there. We think the British statesmen who did so much to push Japan into war, realized that with Japan's defeat they would accomplish two things for Great Britain: First, to give Russia a check; for, of course, the war must impede our progress temporarily. Second, to cripple Japan's maritime power, which is facing an impossible task in the Pacific. It can be said with the utmost positiveness that Russia will bide her time. She will act on the defensive until she feels confident that her weight of numbers will leave no doubt as to the result. Reinforcements are going forward at the rate of 3,000 per day. Probably some time will elapse before Russia feels fully prepared to assume the offensive."

The conviction is growing here in official circles that in spite of Japanese denials the Japanese fleet was severely crippled off Port Arthur in the engagement which began Feb. 8. The admiral has no direct official information to support this except the manner in which the Japanese abandoned the attack at the end of 45 minutes. It is

The War Situation

A report is to hand of a Russian naval defeat in which four torpedo boats were captured and two battleships sunk. This is probably another account of the original battle at Port Arthur. Russia is confronted with great transportation difficulties and her situation is considered desperate. She will not be prepared for many weeks. Little is known of the Japanese intentions, but an army or armies in Korea are being concentrated at strategic points, and a close watch kept on the enemy's squadrons at Port Arthur and Vladivostok. Details of the sinking of Japanese merchantmen are to hand. These show that the crew were well treated by the Russians. Russia has refused to permit United States consuls to take charge of Japanese refugees.

A Russian official who speaks with knowledge of his country's war plans says Japan will be crushed by September. He accuses Britain of pushing the Japs into the war for the purpose of crippling Russia financially and retarding her progress in the Far East. Russia is already in distress financially, withdrawing her deposits from the European banks and may take Finland's gold next. There are vague rumors of an attack on Port Arthur by Vice-Admiral Togo, who is in charge of the blockade squadron.

estates to bid farewell to relatives. His status has not yet been fully settled. By the terms of his appointment the general will command the Manchurian army, subject to Vice-Admiral Kurapatkin, whose powers probably will be extended to include the troops north of Manchuria. The official view of the status is that Vice-Admiral Kurapatkin is supreme command; but, the victory, being a sailor, General Kurapatkin will be subject to Vice-Admiral Kurapatkin. The authorities here assert that the southern portion of the peninsula is strongly guarded and that the northern shore presents insuperable obstacles.

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the victory's departure from Port Arthur was not due to the impossibility of the possibility of its investment, but simply to the requirements of the war, the official view, says as to enable him to direct the operations now in progress along the line of the Korean frontier from a more central point. Possibly he will not remain at Mukden, but will go from place to place as circumstances demand.

Speaking on the subject of the possible investment of Port Arthur, the military authorities here do not believe the Japanese will attempt to make a landing in force on the Liaotung Peninsula. The former say there is nothing the Russians would like better, as such an attempt is doomed to certain failure. The authorities here assert that the southern portion of the peninsula is strongly guarded and that the northern shore presents insuperable obstacles.

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Reported Death of China's Queen Mother Confirmed

Victoria, B. C., Feb. 23. — Leaders of the Chinese reform party confirm news of the death of the Empress Dowager of China and rejoice exceedingly at the fact. The head of the party here says that China will now see a revolution of unprecedented dimensions, with the object of playing China as a nation amongst the modern people.

He expects a union of all parties, a national convention, the adoption of

FACTORIES LACK FUEL

Concerns of Windsor and Walkerville May Have to Shut Down.

Windsor, Ont., Feb. 23. — A number of Windsor and Walkerville factories will be forced to close for lack of fuel if the scarcity is not at once relieved. It is stated that the Kerr engine works and the malleable iron works, of Walkerville, are almost out of fuel, and unless the situation is immediately relieved they will have temporarily to cease operations.

AUSTRIA AND PANAMA

Alliance of Powers Proposed to Obtain Equal Canal Rights.

Vienna, Feb. 23. — At the session of the Hungarian delegates to the interpellation was made by Count Emmerich Sechenyi was asked whether the ministry of foreign affairs did not consider the Panama Canal, in order to secure equal treatment for foreign vessels in time of peace and war. Minister Meier, on behalf of Count Goltz, Austria-Hungarian Minister of Foreign Affairs, answered by saying that the initiative would be taken by powers more directly interested.

TRAIN PLUNGES INTO A RIVER

Terrible Disaster Reported From Tennessee—No Details Obtainable Yet.

Knoxville, Tenn., Feb. 23. — South-bound passenger train, No. 35, on the Southern Railway, is reported wrecked at Bridgeport, Tenn., about 68 miles east of here. The entire train, with the exception of one sleeper, is said to have gone into the French Broad River. The wires are down and the extent of the casualties has not been ascertained as yet.

THE CREW ASLEEP

Train Speeds at Sixty Miles an Hour but Escapes a Wreck.

Indianapolis, Feb. 23. — Rushing through the fog early Saturday, a Baltimore and Ohio Southwestern Railway freight train made a record-breaking run of more than 60 miles, while its engineer and conductor, exhausted after 24 hours' continuous work, slept almost dead. The train was operated by two men, who saw something wrong, threw switches that prevented disastrous wrecks. Once at Bridgeport, Tenn., where the train was in charge of a new brakeman and a green fireman, who, finally becoming alarmed, let the fire die down. The train started from North Vernon.

LOOKS MORE PEACEFUL

Constantinople, Feb. 23. — M. Natchevitch, the Bulgarian agent here, who has just returned to his post, brought back formal assurances to the Porte, that the Sofia Government intends to maintain an absolutely correct attitude with regard to Macedonian affairs. There is now a more conciliatory tendency in the Turkish official world towards the Bulgarian, and the relations between the two countries will be improved.

CURING OF CANCER.

New York, Feb. 23. — Dr. Doyen, read a paper yesterday before the Academy of Medicine on a new method of treating cancer by injecting serum prepared from the micrococci of human microbe, peculiar to cancerous tumors, says a cable to the Sun from Paris.

WEATHER BULLETIN

TOMORROW—COLDER.
London, Tuesday, Feb. 23. Sun rises, 7:06 a.m. Moon sets, 10:42 a.m. Sun sets, 5:57 p.m. Moon rises, 12:11 a.m.

The high area which covered the Northwest Territories this morning has since become unimportant, and cold weather has become less probable for Ontario. Heavy rains, accompanied by rain, have prevailed today over Quebec and the Maritime Provinces, and local snowfalls have occurred in the Georgian Bay district and the Northwest Territories. Minimum and maximum temperatures: Dawson, 22 below—30 below; Victoria, 40 below—48 below; Toronto, 39 below—49 below; Winnipeg, 24 below—30 below; Port Arthur, 6 below—22 below; St. John's, 15 below—25 below; Montreal, 28 below—36 below; Halifax, 22—24.

FORECASTS.

Today—Light snow today. Tomorrow—North and northeast winds and colder.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations.	8 a.m.	Weather.
Calgary	—12	Clear
Winnipeg	—24	Clear
Farmington	—14	Clear
Toronto	30	Snow
Ottawa	18	Snow
Montreal	20	Fair
Quebec	18	Snow
St. John's	14	Cloudy

The sign "—" indicates "below zero."

Since last night a disturbance has moved with great rapidity from the Western States to the Great Lakes, bringing light snow with southerly winds and mild weather to Ontario. The weather continues extremely cold in the Northwest Territories and Manitoba.

AN ATROCIOUS ACT

Throats of Woman and Two Children Cut by Jealous Man.

Terre Haute, Ind., Feb. 23. — Jerry Dugan, a sectionhand, killed Mrs. Benjamin Ramsey, her daughter, Myrtle, aged 4, and her son, Albert, aged 2, by cutting their throats early today. Dugan then surrendered to a policeman. He admitted that he had committed the crime while in a jealous rage.

A FLURRY IN WHEAT

War Rumors Send It Up Another Cent at Chicago.

Chicago, Feb. 23. — Wheat for May delivery sold today for \$1.08 1/2 a bushel, a jump of 2 1/2 cents above Saturday's final figures. The cause was a sensational advance in prices at foreign grain markets, apparently due to growing fear of European complications over the Russo-Japanese War.

FORMER PRINCESS DIES IN WANT

Mme. Petrelli, Ex-Wife of a Russian Noble and Renowned Singer, Dead at Chicago.

Chicago, Feb. 23. — The Inter-Ocean says today: Mme. Eltona Petrelli, once a world-renowned opera singer, and widow of Prince Von Petroff, of Russia, has died in an obscure hotel in Chicago, alone and in want, save for the charity of strangers. Daughter and heiress of one of the wealthiest counts of Scandinavia, this wonderful woman lived to see two great fortunes melt away, and to have her title taken from her. Driven by necessity to sing for a living in royal opera companies on the continent, the singer won her way upward in the profession until, at the age of 81 years, the singer had won fame under the name of Mme. Petrelli, in three royal opera companies.

KNOCKING THE CZAR

Russian Students in Germany Issue Fiercy Manifestoes.

Berlin, Feb. 23. — The debate which began in the Reichstag Jan. 19 regarding the police surveillance of Russian students in Germany, was resumed yesterday in the Prussian Landtag. The Prussian Minister of Justice, Dr. Schenck, and the Prussian Minister of the Interior, Freiherr von Hammerstein, went to length into the allegations made by Socialists. The ministers explained the action of the Government so satisfactorily that they won the approval of the Opposition speakers. Passages were quoted from pamphlets being sent to Russia, in which the revolution was advocated by certain Socialists. One contained a passage to the effect that Nicholas II. ought to be reserved for the scaffold and not die by a bullet. Seizure of this literature resulted in a thorough investigation and a number of arrests.

THE KING NEVER FORGETS.

Windsor, Ont., Feb. 23. — Persistent rumors that the Roman Catholic parish of Windsor is to be divided and another church erected in the east end of the city have been finally confirmed by Rev. Father Meunier, parish priest. It is understood that the new church will be larger than the present one—St. Alphonsus, and will cost about \$20,000.

COCKRAN NOMINATED.

New York, Feb. 23. — A special election was held in the twelfth congressional district today to fill the place made vacant by the resignation of Mayor McClellan as a member of Congress. The Democratic nominee was W. Bourke Cockran. His only opponents were Edward Cassidy, Social Democrat, and James T. Hunter, Socialist Labor. The Republicans and the Prohibitionists made no nominations and Cockran's election is conceded.

A MURDERER HANGED.

Butte, Mont., Feb. 23. — James Martin was hanged today for the murder of J. R. Williams at Silver Bow Junction in May, 1902. The trap was sprung at 4:42 a.m. in utter darkness, and the only indication that the trap was sprung was the thud. Martin's neck was broken by the fall. Martin killed Williams in an attempt to rob him.

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