

Pt. Arthur Ships Hopelessly Scattered; Attempt to Reach Vladivostock Blocked

Russian Warships Which Took Refuge at Kai Chau Ordered Out by Germany.

Section of Fleet Returns to the Fortress—Others Off Shanghai—Japs Watching.

Washington, Aug. 12. — The following cablegram was received at the state department today from Minister Griscom at Tokio:

According to the latest reports received at headquarters, the Japanese fleet attacked the Russian fleet emerging from Port Arthur to the south of Round Island, off Taitan Bay. The Russian fleet, finally defeated, fled during the night. Cruisers Askold, Novik and one other, and one destroyer entered Kiao Chau Bay on the night of the 11th; one destroyer fled to Che Foo. Five battleships, one cruiser, probably the Diana, a hospital ship and several destroyers returned to Port Arthur between dawn and midday of the 11th. Apparently no damage to Japanese fleet.

A cable also has been received from Mr. Fowler, United States consul-general at Che Foo, stating that two Japanese torpedo boats entered the harbor, attacked the Russian torpedo boat, which had arrived there several days ago, and dismantled, captured her and took her out.

London, Aug. 12. — Dispatches from various points today indicate that the attempt of the Russian Port Arthur squadron to reach Vladivostock failed, and that the vessels have become widely scattered. One torpedo-boat destroyer put into Che Foo, where she was boarded and captured by the Japanese. The battleships Czarevitch, the cruiser Novik and a torpedo vessel arrived at Tsing Chai at the entrance of Kiao Chau Bay, the German concession on the southern shore of the Shan Tung Peninsula. According to other dispatches the cruiser Askold is also at Tsingchen, but advice to the German foreign office does not include her. Another Russian cruiser and a torpedo-boat destroyer are reported as near Shanghai, and four battleships are off the Saddle Islands, about seventy miles southeast of that port. Che Foo reports say that one Russian torpedo boat was captured off the Chinese coast and Tokio hears that a number of the vessels of the squadron have returned to Port Arthur.

The German foreign office has given instructions that the uninjured Russian warships at Kai Chau must leave within 24 hours.

The Japanese system of communication has heretofore been so perfect that there can be little doubt that the Government is thoroughly informed of the position of the various vessels of the escaped fleet, and will be able to either drive them into neutral ports or attack them with overwhelming force. Sails for Kai Chau.

Che Foo, Aug. 12. — The German armored cruiser, Puerst, Bismarck has just left for the port of Tsing Tau, in Kiao Chau Bay. Her preparations were made in the greatest haste.

Private interests seeking information for the Tsing Tau can get no replies as the wires are jammed with official telegrams to and from Peking.

Were Russians Thwarted.

Che Foo, Aug. 12. — The report that the Russian cruisers and one torpedo-boat destroyer had entered the port of Tsing Tau, Kiao Chau Bay, last night is confirmed.

The cruisers are the Askold and the Diana, not the Novik, as previously reported. The German armored cruiser Bismarck and Thetis are preparing to leave Che Foo for that port. Two Russian torpedo boats are said to have been captured on the Chinese coast.

It is believed that the attempt of the Russian ships at Port Arthur to join the Vladivostock squadron has been thwarted.

The Czarevitch Damaged.

Berlin, Aug. 12. — The foreign office confirms the arrival last night at Tsing Chai, at the entrance of Kiao Chau Bay, the German concession, of the Russian battleship Czarevitch, the protected cruiser Novik and an unnamed torpedo boat. The Czarevitch is not seaworthy, having been damaged in Wednesday's fight.

The foreign office is sending instructions today to the German authorities at Tsing Chai to the effect that the Novik and the torpedo boat must leave the harbor within the twenty-four hours prescribed by international law.

Four Days' Bombardment.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 12. — The Emperor has received the following dispatch from Viceroy Alexieff, dated Aug. 11:

According to a report from the commander at Port Arthur the squadron put to sea Aug. 10. The steamer Mongolia followed the squadron. The following Japanese vessels were on the horizon: Three first-class cruisers, eight small cruisers and seventy torpedo boats. The port had been bombarded with siege guns for the past four days.

German Cruisers Sail.

Berlin, Aug. 12. — Vice-Admiral Von Prezelitz, commanding the German East Asiatic squadron, telegraphed to the navy department that he sailed today from Che Foo on board the armored cruiser Puerst.

moreover cruiser Puerst Bismarck for Kai Chau. The German cruiser Seebler has sailed from Chingwanto for Kai Chau.

London, Aug. 12. — A dispatch from Tokio to the Japanese legation here says:

According to reports received up to the present the Russian squadron emerged from Port Arthur was attacked by our fleet south of Yentao, and dispersed. The Askold, Novik and another cruiser and a destroyer took refuge at Kai Chau. Another destroyer took refuge at Che Foo.

On Aug. 11 five Russian battleships, a cruiser, probably the Diana, a hospital ship and several torpedo destroyers, seemed to re-enter Port Arthur.

Our fleet is believed to be undamaged.

Che Foo, Aug. 11, 11:50 p.m. — Wednesday is said to have been chosen for the escape of the Russian warships at Port Arthur, because the Japanese fleet was then exhausted by the constant bombardment of the two previous nights.

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An Associated Press representative, however, informed the Japanese naval officers of the fact when he visited the two Japanese destroyers at 2:30 o'clock this morning.

Two large Japanese torpedo boat destroyers, which have been hovering outside the harbor, entered under the cover of darkness last night, showing no lights, and anchored a quarter of a mile from the Russian torpedo boat destroyer Rishitsheli, which has been moved to a permanent anchorage. The Japanese officers said they would depart at daylight. It is understood that the Chinese admiral discovered the presence of the Japanese torpedo boat destroyers and presented the same demands to them that he did earlier to the Russian destroyer Rishitsheli, namely, either to leave port or disarm.

Che Foo, Aug. 11. — The captain of the Rishitsheli does not deny that the Russian warships have gone to join the Vladivostock squadron. He simply refuses to answer questions bearing on the subject, claiming that it would be injurious for him to do so.

Other sources affirm that absolutely all the big ships, except the Bayan, which is injured, left Port Arthur yesterday, exchanging shots with the Japanese fleet at long range, and it seems that the long expected junction of the two Russian squadrons will now occur.

CRIMINAL LIBEL CHARGED

Baptists' Action Against Mr. Nichol, Editor, of Vancouver.

Vancouver, Aug. 12. — Walter C. Nichol, manager of The Province newspaper, was charged Wednesday in the police court with criminal libel. The case was brought by the Baptist Association of Winnipeg. Defendant's paper having published a dispatch reflecting on the characters of Rev. Mr. Vincent and Miss Johnson, of Winnipeg. An adjournment of eight days was granted.

Hon. Raymond Prefontaine, Minister of Marine and Fisheries, is expected here at the end of this week or the beginning of next. He has consented to meet the Vancouver Board of Trade to discuss various matters connected with his department.

DEPORTED AGAIN

Labor Leader Returns to Victor and Is Run Out of Town.

Victor, Col., Aug. 12. — John Harper, former president of the Victor Miners' Union, and late manager of the miners' union store in this town, returned to the camp yesterday. Last night he was seized at his home by a mob and driven off the district. Mr. Harper's son, Ritchie, about 21 years old, was also compelled to leave.

Young Harper was brought back about an hour after his father had been taken away, and reported that a short distance below Lawrence the men who had him and his father in charge decided that he should be returned.

Sheriff Underwood and Chief of Police Taylor went in pursuit of the masked men, but so far as is learned have not been able to overtake them.

FIRE DESTROYS STATION

The G. T. R. Depot at Blyth, Ont., Totally Destroyed.

Blyth, Ont., Aug. 12. — Last night about 11 o'clock the Grand Trunk station was notified to be on fire, but the men had made such progress that it was impossible to save the buildings. Some of the books and papers were not burnt, but the building and some of the freight were totally destroyed. The fire is supposed to have originated from the chimney.

PRINCE HENRY COMING

With Wife and Family He Will Visit St. Louis Fair.

New York, Aug. 12. — Word has just been received here, says a St. Louis dispatch to the Sun, that Prince Henry of Prussia, his wife and eldest son, will leave Germany in two weeks for a tour of the United States, and will come, after his arrival in New York, directly to St. Louis.

The prince is coming in state, and will be entertained in the most lavish manner during his stay here by Dr. Theodore Lewall, German imperial commissioner. Although an effort has been made to keep the matter quiet until the prince's arrival, it is well known among the employees of the National German Pavilion that the prince is coming.

Dr. Lewall had been notified of the proposed trip in a letter, and has since communicated the fact to the commissioners in St. Louis. The prince will come in a private yacht, with his family. He will also be Emperor William's personal representative, as the Emperor will not be able to cross the water.

MAY APPEAL TO KAISER

Sultan May Ask Advice as to the U. S. Demonstration.

Berlin, Aug. 12. — Official circles here feel it probable that Turkey will ask for German advice regarding the situation created by the American naval demonstration off Smyrna. An answer to a direct question of the correspondent of the Associated Press as to what Germany would do in such a case, a foreign office spokesman answered that Germany would advise Turkey to at once satisfy the U. S. demands.

SMALLPOX AT ZION CITY

Patients Are Isolated, But Prayers Take Doctor's Place.

Chicago, Aug. 12. — An epidemic of smallpox has broken out in Zion City, the home of John Alexander Dowie, the so-called "Divine Healer." All the patients are said to be fifteen persons ill with it, although Dowie's lieutenants claim that there are but eight. All the patients have been isolated and Dowie and his elders daily offer up prayers for their recovery. As there are no physicians in Zion City, Dowie will not permit his followers to use drugs in any form, fears are entertained that the disease may spread to surrounding towns. Zion City is outside the city limits of Chicago and city officials have no power in the matter.

POOR SIENKIEWICZ

Lillian Russell Is Credited With Writing "Quo Vadis."

Chicago, Aug. 12. — Familiarity with the great men of literature, art and politics who have been his friends, and the service examinations here for the job of second-class clerk in the public library at a salary of \$50 per month. The test brought out some queer answers to questions.

"Who is the author of 'Quo Vadis'?" was one of the questions.

"Mention one person in astronomy who became famous, and state in what century and country he lived," was another question.

"Christopher Columbus discovered America in 1492; he was a Russian," was one answer.

"Socrates? I don't know where he is, but he's the man who wrote the fables," another candidate wrote. It was said that not more than half the candidates were aware that Judge Parker's town was on the map.

PASTOR SHOT AT SKEETERS

They Were New Jersey Breed—Now Coming to Ontario.

New York, Aug. 12. — Rev. A. Frey, pastor of the Lutheran Church at Telford, N. J., has left for Stratford, Canada, with his family to take charge of a church there. He was asked to resign because of his habits.

Year ago he was arrested for shooting at mosquitoes during the night. Since then the church trustees chided him on his habits and his resignation was asked for. Failing to resign, the synod was asked to transfer him.

JAPANESE BOARD RUSS DESTROYER

Fierce Hand-to-Hand Fight in Chee Foo Harbor.

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THE CZAR'S SHIP HAD DISARMED

Japanese Hoist Flag Over the Ryeshtelini and Tow Her Out to Sea—May Cause Complications.

Che Foo, Aug. 12, 8:30 a.m. — At 3:30 o'clock this morning the Japanese torpedo-boat destroyers, Asashis and Kasuma, which entered the harbor under cover of darkness last night, sent a boarding party against the Russian torpedo-boat destroyer Rishitsheli, which had been previously been disarmed by the Chinese.

After a fierce fight the boarding party hoisted the Japanese flag on the Ryeshtelini and towed her out of the harbor in a northerly direction.

Of her crew of 47, it has been accounted for, Captain Shestakovsky is reported killed. Seven swam ashore, landing near the American consulate. Some were picked up by sampans, and three, including a lieutenant, were rescued by a lightskip.

The Japanese claim that they sent a flag to the Ryeshtelini under the flag of truce, a lieutenant and interpreter, who made a demand that the Russian come outside and fight. The Russian captain replied that his ship had been disarmed, her engines disabled and that the whole matter was in the hands of the Chinese. The Japanese were asked to investigate the disarmament. The Japanese interpreter claims that he overheard the Russian captain give a hurried order to the Ryeshtelini, the words not being distinguishable to the interpreter. Immediately following, the captain seized the Japanese lieutenant and jumped overboard. The Ryeshtelini had their searchlights turned on the Russian ship. From the deck of the lightskip observers could see this act, which was followed by the shooting of rifles and snub strokes, and Russian ships along the coast. The fighting had lasted ten minutes when an explosion followed. The explosion blew away the main bridge, but did no damage to the hull. The Ryeshtelini, by the time were mostly all overboard. The Japanese at once hoisted their flag. Presently a searchlight from the Chinese cruiser Hui Chi disclosed the Chinese cutter alongside of the Asashis. She remained here only a minute and then was towed away by the Chinese. It stopped an equal length of time, the cutter then returned to the Hui Chi. The inaction of the Chinese fleet is inexplicable so far, it is believed serious complications will result from the incident.

There are unconfirmed stories in circulation that the Japanese fleet at the Russians when they were in the water, and that they refused to rescue any of them.

The disarmament of the Ryeshtelini was completed last night and her flag hauled down, the crew singing the National Anthem. The Japanese lowered the checks of Captain Shestakovsky during the ceremony. It was evident all the preceding day that necessity of abandoning his ship which had served him so well greatly affected the captain, who won considerable renown while at Port Arthur.

It is thought that when he discerned the purpose of the Japanese he gave a hurried order to blow up the ship, intending to end her career by the life of his assailants with the life of the ship.

One of the reports in circulation states that the captain who was severely wounded was rescued, and is now being secretly by his friends. It is presumed that the captain was wounded by the Japanese sailors who were rescuing their lieutenant from him.

Later reports claim that a majority of the Russians agreed to the disarmament. It will be some time before this is accurately determined.

CZAR NICHOLAS HAS AN HEIR

Son Born to the Russian Emperor This Morning.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 12, 2:15 p.m. — A son and heir to the Russian throne has been born. The Empress and the child are doing well. The accouchement occurred at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

The birth so greatly wished for, that of an heir to the Russian crown, occurred in the Alexandria Villa, one of a group of four small palaces in a secluded corner of the magnificent Peterhoff Park. In one of these buildings the Empress had been living for weeks. The other three are occupied by members of the imperial family, gathered there in expectation of today's event, including the Empress' mother, his majesty's two sisters, the Grand Duchesses Xenia and Olga, his brother Grand Duke Michael and other relatives. The Alexandria Villa is a much more private spot than the grand palace.

The birth of an heir to the throne was attended with all the ceremonial of tradition. In accordance with Russian law there were present, besides the Emperor, Baron Frederich, the master of the ceremonies, and Prince Dolgoroky, the grand marshal of the court, and Dr. Hirsch was the surgeon in attendance. Dr. Rott personally announced the birth of the heir to the awaiting imperial family. A formal announcement will be published in the Official Messenger. An imperial salute of 101 guns was fired, first from Peterhoff, and it was then repeated by all the fortresses around St. Petersburg.

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GREAT REJOICING AT RUSSIAN CAPITAL

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TIBETANS APATHETIC

Entrance of British into Holy City Does Not Bother Them.

London, Friday, Aug. 12. — A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Lhasa, referring to the anxiety with which the Tibetans reviewed the military procession on Aug. 4, says that a baker who was kneeling, glanced up casually as the British passed, and then resumed his kneeling. A woman who was weeping bitterly looked up from her work. The soldiers were almost deserted. One might think that the entry of a foreign army into Lhasa and the presence of English political officers in gold-laced uniforms were everyday events. So far the only British conditions intimated to the Lhasa are that they must meet the cost of the army while it is in Tibet, and that every day will increase the amount of the indemnity to be paid.

Another correspondent telegraphs that the entire Lhasa bazar apparently has been removed to the British camp. The Tibetans are doing a splendid business. Most of the booths are kept by women loaded with turquoises and other jewels.

TWO NEW SENATORS

Ottawa, Aug. 12. — The two additional senators for the Northwest Territories, created in 1898, are expected to be sworn in today. The senators are Mr. R. G. Davis, M.P. The Territories will then be represented in the Senate by two Liberals and two Conservatives. The latter are Senators Loucheud and Parley.

JAPS' ACT WAS HIGH-HANDED

Grave Situation Over Raid on The Norma With Engineering Party Goes Aground Off Port Dover.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 12. — The action of the Japanese torpedo destroyer in attacking and towing out the defenseless Russian torpedo boat destroyer Ryeshtelini at Che Foo is regarded in diplomatic circles as being a very grave matter for Japan. So soon as the facts are officially established no doubt exists but that Russia will promptly call the attention of the powers to this breach of the neutrality of China.

Aside from the possible questionable right of an uninvited warship to seek a sanctuary in a neutral port when not forced to do so by stress of weather or lack of coal and provisions all the diplomats agree, as to the absolute illegality of belligerent ships entering neutral ports and there committing hostile acts. The fact that the facts are known, is considered much more flagrant than that at Chemulpho, where all the foreign commanders expected the commander of the American warship there protested against the proposals of the Japanese to enter and bombard the harbor. The Japanese refused to agree, and the American warship, Korietz in a neutral harbor.

\$25,000 Bail Demanded

In That Operation Case

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This map shows scene of Wednesday's naval battle in the vicinity of Port Arthur; Kai Chau, where several of the Russian ships took refuge, and Chee Foo, scene of a battle between destroyers.

FOREST FIRES

MENACE ST. JOHNS

Outskirts of Newfoundland Capital in Peril—Jackies Fight the Flames.

St. Johns, Nfld., Aug. 12. — The ravages of forest fires along the outskirts of St. Johns continue this evening and threaten the section in which the asylum containing 20 patients is situated.

A force of police with a detachment of blue jackets from the British cruiser Charleydis and the French warship Troude, have gone to the scene in an endeavor to prevent the fire from destroying the asylum and other buildings. Railroad trains are unable to penetrate the forest.

CANADIAN ACTRESS DEAD

Mrs. Phillips, Formerly of Chatham, Passes Away.

Toronto, Aug. 12. — Mrs. Elizabeth J. Phillips, once a famous actress, is dead in Philadelphia, aged 74 years. She was born in Chatham, Ont., in 1830, and made her debut in Hamilton in 1862, playing Grace Harkaway in "London Assurance." After several successful engagements, she joined the Pike Stock Company in Philadelphia for her stock company and added greatly to her reputation as a careful, intelligent, versatile and gifted player. She is survived by a son, a daughter and three grandchildren.

BIRTH RATE INCREASING

Vital Statistics of Montreal for Last Year

Montreal, Aug. 12. — The vital statistics report for the city of Montreal for the year 1903, which has just been published, shows an increase in the birth, marriage and death rate. The death rate increased from 22.58 per 1,000 in 1902 to 24.29. The birth rate increased from 35.65 to 36.08, while the marriage rate increased from 9.22 to 10.16. A couple of years ago sermons were preached in the Roman Catholic and other churches against the falling off in the birth and marriage rate.

TO ASSIST BESIEGERS

General Kuroki Sends Three Divisions to Port Arthur.

London, Aug. 12. — A dispatch from Anshanchon to the Central News Agency relates that, according to Chinese reports, the full Japanese military operations against Port Arthur, which have been going on since the fact that three divisions of Gen. Kuroki's force have been sent to assist the troops besieging Port Arthur.

MRS. CASGRAIN VERY ILL

Senator Has Been Called to Her Bedside at Chicago.

Windsor, Ont., Aug. 12. — Senator Casgrain has been summoned to Highland Park, Chicago, owing to the serious illness of his wife, who has been visiting her sister. Mrs. Casgrain has not enjoyed good health for two years past, and went to Chicago in June last to make an extended stay with her sister in the hope that the change of scene and air would assist in her restoration to health.

They Didn't Race.

Detroit, Mich., Aug. 12. — The report of a race between the Canadian steamer Huronic and the Anchor liner Tloma, in which the former beat the latter across Lake Huron, was without foundation, as the boats at the time were nearly 500 miles apart. The management of the Anchor Line has issued positive orders that their passenger boats shall not race with other boats under any circumstances.

SPLENDID DASH

PLEASES RUSSIA

But Whereabouts of Fleet Is Unknown and St. Petersburg Is Nervous.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 12, 2:10 p.m. — Everything else from a military standpoint seems to be forgotten in the general anxiety concerning the fate of the Port Arthur squadron. The future plans of the admiralty hang upon the preservation of the bulk of the squadron, and the present is regarded as being the most critical moment of the war.

The admiralty declares that it is without official advice as to the whereabouts of the squadron, and could not confirm the report that the protected cruiser Novik and a Russian battleship, Czarevitch had put into Kai Chau. Nevertheless, private dispatches seem to show that the squadron may have been communicating with Russia after passing the Shan Tung promontory, and hope is high that the squadron successfully broke through the Japanese ships, and is now steaming for Vladivostock. The departure of the squadron in the face of the superior Japanese fleet is commended by all classes.

BOARD WILL NOT MOVE WALK

The Wellington street sidewalk, over which there has been such a rumour lately, will remain as at present, the city council acts upon the recommendation of the board of works. Today Ald. Forrester, the acting chairman, Ald. Gerry and Ald. Abram, and City Engineer Gray, went over the street from Horton to Hill, and after a general survey it was agreed that if the walk was moved it would mean a business loss to the merchants on the street. Further, a costly permanent walk has lately been laid on the block between Bathurst and Horton, and if the walk was moved out below Horton street, an unsightly junction would be the result. Then, it is said, the trees on the lawns are in the way, and on the whole the board of works feels that the walk should be allowed to remain where it is. Needless to say, there'll be wigs on the green when the council meets on Monday night.

WEATHER BULLETIN.

Tomorrow—Fair and Warm.

London, Friday, Aug. 12. Sun rises, 5:18 a.m. Moon sets, 8:30 p.m. Sun sets, 7:27 p.m. Moon rises, 4:30 a.m. Showers have occurred today in Quebec and the Maritime Provinces, and also very locally in Saskatchewan. Elsewhere the weather has been fine.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria, 64-84; Kamloops, 52-74; Calgary, 56-82; Medicine Hat, 55-80; Qu'Appelle, 58-83; Winnipeg, 60-78; Port Arthur, 44-64; Parry Sound, 51-72; Toronto, 50-64; Ottawa, 56-72; Montreal, 62-72; Quebec, 56-72; St. John, 50-62; Halifax, 54-62.

WEATHER NOTES.

Today—Light to moderate variable winds; fine and a little higher temperature.

Saturday—Southerly and southwesterly winds; fair and warm.

TEMPERATURES.

| Stations | 5 a.m. | Min. | Weather |
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| Calgary | 42 | 40 | Clear |
| Winnipeg | 62 | 62 | Cloudy |
| Parry Sound | 49 | 50 | Fair |
| Toronto | 64 | 54 | Clear |
| Montreal | 62 | 52 | Clear |
| Quebec | 62 | 58 | Clear |
| Father Point | 56 | 48 | Clear |

Cabinet Meeting Today

Ottawa, Aug. 12. — The Prime Minister and a number of his colleagues went to Montreal yesterday morning, presumably on business connected with the Transcontinental Railway. They returned today. An all-day cabinet council has been called for today and the ministers will be busy for another week, after which they will separate for a vacation.

Russia Informs Britain Sinking to Stop—Unless!

St. Petersburg, Aug. 12. — The Russian reply to the British representations in the case of the Knight Commander was handed to Ambassador Hardinge today. As cabled to the Associated Press Aug. 10, while couched in the most friendly terms, it does not recede from the Russian position as

set forth in the prize regulations to exercise the right to destroy, in case of emergency, neutral vessels carrying contraband of war. At the same time Russia assures Great Britain, that there will be no more neutral ships sunk unless circumstances render it impossible to bring the vessel before a prize court.