

Rojestvsky's Squadron and its Colliers Under Steam as Viewed From Deck of the Peninsular and Oriental Steamer Poona April 11th.

FROM THE SOUTH CHINA MAIL

Hongkong, April 19.—It was startling news that reached us on Saturday afternoon, April 8. The colony was given up to the freedom and enjoyment of an afternoon from work, and had one suggested that the Baltic fleet was anywhere near China waters he would have been asked politely to visit the marines with the yarn.

cocktail at the club; at 11:30, at dinner. The newspaper writes of nothing else. Every steamer that comes in from the south is immediately boarded by the press and reporters and rumors as start-ling and as reliable as rumors generally are, pass from tongue to tongue.

sume shippers will be very careful of their cargoes. As I have previously written, you there have been many cases in the local courts of seizure of men on ships from Cardiff and elsewhere refusing to proceed beyond Hongkong, their general argument being that as they carried coals for Japan they would run great risks.

Baltic, the first we heard of being the P. & O. S. Poona, which arrived here last Friday evening. As all the world doubtless knew the next day, I already said the belief is that Rojestvsky is making ready for an advance in the direction of Vladivostok.

Bound for Vladivostok. It is pretty evident now that the fleet is not going to Saigon, and, as I have already said, the belief is that Rojestvsky is making ready for an advance in the direction of Vladivostok.

of neutrality, however. The cruiser Descartes was sent from Saigon along with several torpedo-boats to protect the coast in the vicinity of Cape St. James, and the garrison at the Cape forts was under orders not to leave quarters, so that they should be fully prepared in case of eventualities.

the eastern entrance to the harbor—in regular communication with the flagships. The Chinese are naturally interested in the coming of the fleet; but the few I have spoken with on the matter affect usual unconcern. Meanwhile, the Chinese government has issued instructions to all its southern viceroys and representatives to be careful to maintain the strictest neutrality at all ports. How they are to do it is another matter.

Yukon River Now Free of Ice

Through Bills of Lading Given Between Victoria and Yukon Ports.

Venture and Tees Return From Way Ports of Northern B. C. Coast.

Advices received yesterday from Dawson that the Yukon river is now open from Lake Lebarge to the mouth of the Tanana, save for a few ice jams. The first small boats, scows and steamers with thousands of tons of fresh goods for Dawson and Tanana markets. No steamers have been crushed by the breaking ice. The Tanana river is entirely open and steamers are running.

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