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# RUSSIANS AND JAPANESE CLASH IN TERRIFIC LAND FIGHT IN ATTEMPT BY THE LATTER TO HEM IN PORT ARTHUR

# THREE RUSSIAN WARSHIPS DYNAMITED OFF JAP COAST

The Fleet From Vladivostock Were About to Attack Hakodate---Hit Submarine Mines.

## THE BRITISH SHIP SEIZED BY RUSSIA RELEASED

When the Czarina blew

THE FIGHT AT CHEMULPO.

How the Russians Went Out to Cer-

warships cheered them as they went out

were six miles from the Japanese fleet.

other broadside. The Japanese contin-ued firing until 12:22, when the Variag

was seen to be on fire near the stern

toward the harbor, and ceased firing

at 12:42 p.m. The Japanese followed al-

most to the entrance of the harbor.

firing on the Variag, which had a heavy

list to port and was evidently in a

The Variag lost 30 men and 7 officers

shot, which struck her on the water

When the Russians anchored off th

The Korietz was abandoned at 3:30

The crew of the Variag went on

and the Vicksburg. The Variag burn

sians eventually went from the Pascal

TO UNSEAT COUNCIL

Fight on Their Hands.

sinking condition.

Duke Nicholas at dinner. killed and 42 wounded. Count Munro

gines.

practically untouched.

The Korietz was

New York, Feb. 15. — Official confirmation is given in Tokio, according to ous. Some of them were extraoracablegram to the World, of the report dinary in character. Today the school that three of the four Russian war- boys and students of the city, numthat three of the four russian war-ships from Vladivostock, which entered the Tsugaru Straits to attack Hako-date, were blown up by mines the Prospect, bearing flags, shouting and night of Feb. 13 while attempting to singing patriotic airs. They were folpass the straits.

A cablegram from London says the previous processions, this one went later advices are that four Russian first to the Anichkoff palace, where warships have been sighted in Tsu- the dowager empress, who is very

garu Straits since the report went out popular with the people, showed herthat three of the cruisers had been seif. Later, the boys and students sunk or disabled. Che Foo, Feb. 15. - A reliable reresponse to their enthusiastic cheers, port says that three Russian torpedo the Czar and the Czarina made their boats have been sunk by guns from the appearance.

# forts. They were mistaken for Japan-kisses to the boys, a vast shout went up which waked the echoes across the Neva. At the French embassy, which

# An Official Declaration Issued at Madame Bompard was compelled, in

Pekin, Feb. 15. — The edict issued by front of barracks the various regitive Government of China, declaring mental bands in the city played the its neutrality in the Russo-Japanese National Hymn to hurraling crowds. difficulty announces that war between these countries has broken out and says that seeing these nations are friendly China she must declare her neutrality. Viceroys and governors are ordered to maintain neutrality and to preserve order and carefully protect missionaries and merchants and forespecially warned against allowing of protecting legations and churches is emphasized and disturbers of the peace are threatened with punishment. Grave offenders will be senstate that the missionaries congregat- torpedo boat destroyers, under com- eral engagement. ing there on account of the grave con- mand of Admiral Uriu, approached the

#### dition of affairs in Manchuria. BRITISH SHIP RELEASED.

#### Russia Explains to Britain the Selzure at Port Arthur.

Port Arthur has intimated that Viceroy Shortly afterwards the Variag and tiago. Alexieff will not recognize the consul Korietz got under way and steamed out matters relating to Port Arthur and of the narbor. The crew of the English

In answer to the demand of the Brit- to fight. When the Russians were four ish Covernment for an explanation of miles out the Japanese threw a shot why the British ships were held up by across their bows, but they did not Russians at Port Arthur, Viceroy stop. The Japanese lay between the Alexieff replied that the vessels were islands ten miles out, the only entrance detained because they had Japanese on to the harbor. When the Russians

The shots fired at the British steam-r Fu Ping by the Russian guardship Variag turned her broadside loose at at Port Arthur, as the Fu Ping was 11:55 a.m., then turned at right angles leaving that port last Tuesday, were, and steamed a short distance westward the viceroy says, due to a misunder- as if to make the beach, but suddenly standing on the part of the officers of turned east and gave the enemy her

# THE CZAR IN TEARS.

#### Was Not Informed of War's Im- The Russian vessels then turned back minence Until Last Moment. Petersburg correspondent says: Until the last moment nobody in St.

Petersburg knew that war was imminent,

least of all the Czar. On Thursday, be-fore the rupture, the Czar entertained

uring the dessert the Czar remarked: was killed on the bridge. About 600 "All will be well. Japan will calm shots were fired in all, but the firing dessert the Czar remarked: There is no danger of war. I was not very accurate, and the began my reign in peace, and shall con- iag was hit in only six places. One tinue and end it in peace." On Friday there were private theatri-line amidships, wrecked one of her enin the palace. All the court and diplomats were present. The Czar was inusually amiable. The Japanese minister did not have the entrance to the harbor, the British The Japanese minister and not have the slightest thought of war at that moment. The Japanese minister to London and on board with a doctor and nurses. Lord Lensdowne were conferring on the imminence of hostilities, while two finan- also sent three boats with surgical asciers in London were warned the war sistance, cloud was about to burst, but the Czar The K

had not one man in Russia or the Orient p.m., her crew going on board the Pashad not one man in Russia or the Orient to warn him of what was coming.

On the contrary, his trusted officials reported that Japan was bluffing.

It was 2 a.m. when the news of the deeming her situation horseless. Her the relations was carried to deeming her situation hopeless. Her Even then he was assured dead were left on board. rupture of the relations was carried to that it did not mean war.

The crew of the Variag went on board the Talbot, the Pascal, the Elba

while the Czar was in the box Alexieff's ed until 6 p.m., with frequent explotelegram was received in the palace informing him of the Japanese attack. In order not to spoil the Czar's enjoy-ment the officials did not deliver the mes-

On returning home the Czar received he sad news. He indignantly upbraided he officials for withholding the telegram. In Tuesday morning Lamsdorf calling the steamship Sungaii. A Russian officer told the captain of the Vicksburg that he had come to ask asylum for one night only. The Japanese casual-On Tuesday morning Lamsdorf, calling in the palace, found the Czar in tears. Russia's fateful mistake was the conviction, fostered by Admiral Alexieff, that Japan would not venture.

THE MONGOLIA SAFE. The Russian mail steamer Mongolia which sailed from Shanghai, Feb. 7, has arrived safely at Dalny. It was reported the ship had been captured by Japanese. A private telegram re-ceived at Shanghai says that Vice-roy Alexieff has gone to Harbin.

first time since the beginning of hos- ing on Saturday night and decided to tillties in the far east, the Government tonight gave the Russian newspapers permission to publish the accounts received from abroad of nayal engagements off Chemulpo, in which the warships Variag and Korietz were by the conditions since the recent thaw

# SUMMARY OF THE WAR.

Many conflicting and unofficial reports of battles by land and sea continue to arrive from the Far East. The little that is definite and authentic, however, shows the advantage to be still with the Japs. There is now no doubt but that the fights at Chemulpo and Port Arthur were great victories for the Mikado, although reports vary as to the number of ships destroyed. On the other hand the Russians claim the Japs were repulsed with heavy losses in an attempt to land troops in the vicinity of Port Arthur. Dispatches from Tokio say no attempt has been made to land men. As it is undoubtedly the plan of the Japs to hem in Port Arthur by land as well as sea, it is probable there has been fighting of some description. The Japanese and Russian armies have met in northern Korea, close to the Yalu River, the former's outposts being driven in. Eighty officers and men have been made prisoners. A big battle is expected hourly as the Mikado's main army, 60,000 strong, is closing in on the Russians. The latter are believed to have 80,000 men in line. Three out of four Russian warships, while going to attack the town of Hakedate, ran foul of submarine mines and were destroyed. Russia explains satisfactorily firing on a British ship which has since been released. An American consul charges the Russians with brutal treatment of Japanese refugees among whom were many women. The Vladivostock fleet is thought to be at sea and ready for a descent on the Japanese coast. The ships purchased by the Mikado from Chili are due at Nagasaki any hour and will greatly add to the strength of the Japanese navy. The British Government says Russia has not asked for permission to pass

## First General Engagement of Armies Results in a Victory for Forces of Czar

the absence of the ambassador, to appear at a balcony, and acknowledge the cheers for Russia's ally. In City But Were Repulsed With Heavy Losses-Jap Warships Create Great Havoc Along the Coasts.

ceived here state that the Japanese thirty-six Japanese transports, each this point, just north of Port Arthur New Chang and the Chinese are alarm-Seoul, Feb. 12. — The following acount of the battle off Chemples which count of the battle off Chemulpo, which in a terrific fight near Port Arthur ed, was made at Bedzero, 80 miles parties. eign property. The Pekin authorites resulted in the loss of the Russian in the attempt of the Japanese to land north of Port Arthur. Russians claim The guns of the Japanese fleet creatcruiser Variag and the gunboat Korietz, has reached here:

The guns of the Japanese to late the first and the gunboat Koritroops and hem in Port Arthur both that the Japanese were repulsed with heavy losses.

The guns of the Japanese feet creating the gunboat Koritroops and hem in Port Arthur both heavy losses. by land and sea.

During the night of Feb. 8, the Japan- The reports thus far received are that this was but a feint, however, defenses. on the morning of the 9th three Japan- doubt that the Japanese and Russian ing attempt as having been made at shore and there were forced to face a tenced to immediate decapitation.

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> bor. The Japanese admiral gave them until noon to come out. Both Russian with the fleet in an attack in force on ried ashore under cover of the shell on the field. vessels cleared for action. All the ship- the Russian stronghold. ping in the harbor was notified by Admiral Uriu to get out of the firing line. ing to fragmentary dispatches receives ese fleet sought to draw out the Russians to land troops

There was in the harbor also the ed, by the fleet opening fire all along sian warships at Port Arthur and pre- from Vladivostok. Every watch is beministrative authorities at Port Arthur British cruiser Talbot, the French have formally notified the American and British consuls of the release of and the United States gunboat Vicksthe neutral ships which had been seizburg. All were active. The Variag ed. Both consuls had asked for explanations. The civil administration of the British cruiser came on board. While this heavy firing was on an- by the harbor there.

The engagement was begun, accord- While this work was on the Japan- pan's coast, fearing an attempt on the Port Arthur and Dalny.

Che Foo, Feb. 15. - Dispatches re- other squadron of warships escorted | With the first attempt at landing at

It is held by Japanese authorities treme damage on the forts and shore

withering fire from the Russian fort But the general engagement was and field batteries which had been 

> guns and the natural defense afforded allow exit of these warships from Vladivostok's harbor.

# SHARP FIGHT AT THE YALU; JAP OUTPOSTS DRIVEN BACK

A Cable to London Says 80 Jap Officers and Men Were Made Prisoners in This Fight.

## THE MIKADO'S MAIN ARMY IS NOW CLOSING IN

from London, dated Feb. 13, says: News was received here this evening of a battle between the Russian and Japanese forces along the Yalu River. The Russian forces, moving south from the Yalu, encountered the outposts of the Japanese army on their march north from Ping Yang. A sharp en-counter followed, in which 80 officers and men of the Japanese army were made prisoners. The main army of the Japanese is now closing in, and within a few hours, it is expected, that two large corps will be plunged into a terrific battle, upon which may turn the outcome of the war. The Japanese for some time have had a large army in Northern Korea, which has been steadily increased by reinforcements. The Russian army along the Yalu River is the largest the Czar has in the east, numbering 80,000 men. Japanese have 80,000 men in Korea, 60,000 of whom are north of Seoul, and are either near the scene of battle or can be hurried thither. In both armies are cavalry and light artillery, but the

it in both these branches. RUSSIA SEIZING SUPPLIES. The Russians are seizing supplies at protection. The Russian residents of New Chang, fearing that the army will

In consequence of the attack by the ese landed 15,000 men at Chemulpo, and fragmentary, but show beyond all The Russians report the second landcivilians to leave that place. families of the Russian officers in Manchuria are being sent to Russia, and this is causing great pressure Dalny was the first

place to be deserted. These non-combatants and civilians have abandoned all their property at The Russians freely admit that their unpreparedness for the Japanese attack to have been a terrible blunder Only half the ships were in line of battle and their officers were ashore celebrating the aniversary of Viceroy

A stirring episode was the re-entrance into the harbor of the warships Czarevitch and Novik after the fight. They came in under their own steam, with playing and men cheering. Throughout the afternoon and night of Feb. 9 wounded men were being re-

#### THE DARDANELLES. Subject of Its Passage Was Not Breached by Russia.

London, Feb. 15. - Home Secretary Akers-Douglas, confirming the Associated Press dispatches, announced in the House of Commons today that the British Government not only had not been approached with a suggestion that Sea fleet passing out through the Dardanelles, but there was no reason whatever for supposing that Russia contemplated such a violation of her treaty obligations to the European powers. Answering the question in the House of Commons today as to whether the British Government was taking steps to secure an arrangement for the neutralization of New Chwang during war, the foreign under secretary, Earl Percy, replied that the Government did neutralize any territory in the actual

#### occupation of either of the belligerents. READY IN EVERY WAY.

#### Japs Prepared to Carry on a War For Two Years.

Tokio, Saturday, Feb. 13 .- The Vladiostock squadron has not been reported oday. The Japanese are not specially inate the sea.

Port Arthur and Vladivostock, and the

Admiral Togo's fleet was so severely damaged, and was capable of fight-A writ has been issued against the ing another battle immediately after Townships of West Williams and Mac-Wards. The battleship Fuji was the most seriously damaged. Withdrawais Gillivray for unstated damages in con- for repairs from the Japanese fleet will sequence of the death of the late Dannot materially reduce its fighting iel Cavanagh, who was killed on the strength. Lieut.-Commander Yamanacorded in Ontario, but a change to colder conditions is again indicated. In the Northwest Territories and Manitoba it the Sebee bridge on the townline be-16th of December by failing through the most prominent of those killed of body of the Japanese army has not been disclosed, but it probably will be de-

Mr. Kenneth Goodman, of Parkhill, naval operations. The publication the numbers of soldiers at the points of bilization is progressing with surpris-ing celerity, and without confusion. The The Progressives Win Over the Afrikander Bund Party.

Cape Town, Feb. 15. — The parliamentary elections just held in Cape Colony have resulted in a Progressive majority of five over the Afrikander in Cape Town five over the Afrikander in Cape Town five over the Afrikander in Cape Town, Feb. 15.— The parliamentary elections just held in Cape Town five over the Afrikander in Cape Town, Feb. 15.— The parliamentary elections just held in Cape Town five over the Afrikander in Cape Town, Feb. 15.— The parliamentary elections just held in Cape Town five over the Afrikander in Cape Town, Feb. 15.— The parliamentary elections just held in Cape Town five over the Afrikander in

Colony have resulted in a Progressive majority of five over the Afrikander the first hundred million yen war bonds. Toronto, Ont., Feb. 15. — The analysis of five over the Afrikander the first hundred million yen war bonds. The subscriptions will close March 10. to be appointed solicitor to the Ontario res are: Progressives, 50; It is anticipated that the issue will be treasury in succession to Frank Ford, over-subscribed many times. The coun- resigned, is officially denied.

New York, Feb. 14.—A special cable try is preparing for a long war and seems capable of sustaining itself financially for two years. She possesses vast military and naval stores and excel-lent home credit. Her soldiers and sailors are ready to give their services free if necessary.

#### HERE'S ANOTHER ACCOUNT. St. Petersburg Says Sea Fight Was in Favor of Russians.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 15. - The first unofficial account of the battle at Port Arthur of Tuesday last has been re ceived in a telegram dated Port Arthur, Feb. 9. It is as follows:

"At half-past 11 o'clock this morning a Japanese squadron of fifteen vessels began the bombardment of Port Arthur. Our squadron and fortresses replied. and the battle lasted 40 minutes. Japanese squadron could not stand the well-placed fire of our fleet, and particularly of the forts, and began a rapid retirement. The Japanese flagship was seriously damaged, and, according to the testimony of an eye-witness, five Russians have decidedly the better of other Japanese ships were considerably injured. Boats report two Japanese ships sank at sea.

"Our losses afloat were two officers wounded, one so slightly that he continued fighting; six men killed and fiftyfour wounded. In the forts two men were slightly wounded. The bombard-

ment of the fortress and town did no damage, but frightened the populace At intervals during the night firing was The dispatch adds that the temper of the army and navy is excellent, and that the bulletin circulated by the Novykrai have begun to tranquilize the people. No attempts have been made

by the Japanese to land on the Kwang Tung Peninsula. The repairs to the ships damaged by the torpedo attack are proceeding ra-

#### ELEVEN WERE CRIPPLED. How the Japs Smashed Up the Russian Fleet.

Che Foo, Feb. 15. - The steamer Wenchow, arriving from Port Arthur, reports that eleven Russian ships vere struck in Wednesday's engagement. It is stated that cruiser Askoid with a big hole at the waterline, has been towed into the inner basin, and beached.

The battleship Sebastopol has a shell hole just above the waterline and is useless in rough weather. The cruiser Novik has a hole in her fterport side. The battleship Retvizan is on the beach and her bottom has fallen out. The cruiser Pallada was torpedoed abaft the engine-room. The pattleship Czarevitch, which also was torpedoed, has docked. The whole fleet as been taken into the inner harbor and Port Arthur is depending for protection on her forts which have been

reinforced. There is frequent firing which is presumably drawn by Japan ese torpedo boats. Firing was heard at midnight Feb. 11 at intervals, also on to the night of the 12th and 13th. On Feb. 14 the firing continued until o'clock in the afternoon. An eyewitness claims to have seen eighteen dead landed from the Russian ships Wednesday. It is understood that Admiral Stark

has been reduced for his failure to repulse the Japanese attack. The cruiser Novik was the only vessel to do effective work. She gave chase to the Japanese torpedo boats, and, according to the Russian account, sank two captured ones. The Wenchow had 400 Japanese refugees on board. and there was an exciting time during the battle. She was allowed to sail Feb. 14.

It is stated that the European residents of Port Arthur have been reassured, but that the Chinese are making frantic efforts to get away. oncerned over the naval situation, as of Russian victories are, it is said, bethey feel confident that they will dom- ing circulated to buoy up the hopes of the residents. It is apparent that the There is no fear of the Russians in- Russians have for the present decided tercepting the Kasaga and the Nis- not to use their fleet, but to depend sihin or effecting a junction with the on the land forces. Eleven ships will, Port Arthur squadron. The Russians it is stated, have to be repaired pefore possess no naval bases except those at they can take the aggressive on sea.

Port Arthur and Vladivostock, and the The captain of the Wenchow reports latter may freeze up and bar the re- that he was held at Port Arthur until treat of the squadron. Despite Russian all the Japanese in the vicinity were assurances minimizing the damage sustained by Admiral Togo's attack last were brought from points as far away Tuesday at Port Arthur the Japan- as Harbin. A few Japanese are left in ese are certain that the Port Arthur Manchuria. The refugees left their homes and stores, in many cases losing thousands of dollars. Several Japanese have been arrested on the charge of having in their possession maps and charts.

Refugees who go to Japan can give the Government valuable information.

## FRANCE AND SIAM

A New Treaty Gives Former Some

Important Territory. Paris, Feb. 15. - The danger of a conflict between France and Siam has been dissipated by the signing by Forthe numbers of soldiers at the points of eign Minister Delcasse and the mobilization is still forbidden. The motween Siam and Cambodia, a French staff shows a remarkable mastery of protectorate in Indo-China. This details. The main railways are cancel- treaty secures substantial territorial



Chart Showing Points at Which Rival Armies Clashed-Japanese Were Repuled at Pt. Arthur (Tallenwan) and Their Outposts Driven Back Near the Yalu River.

#### SENATOR HANNA DYING to the steamship Sungaii. A Russian Members of His Family Have Been

Summoned to the Bedside. Washington, D. C., Feb. 15.—Senator Hanna is sinking fast. All the mem-bers of his family have been summoned that one torpedo boat destroyer was sunk during the action.

The following official bulletin was issued at 8 a.m.: "Since 3 a.m. Senator Hanna has slowly lost ground, and no longer is able to take nourishment by uth. His temperature is not so Amherstburg City Fathers Has Warm rapid and weaker, and his respirations have increased in frequency. Rixey, Osler, Carter."

Amherstburg town council, both jointAmherstburg town council, but jointAmherstburg ly and severally, was begun on Satur- of an examination by the physicians RUSSIA IN A FRENZY.

day by Ex-Ald. Craig. The Amherstthe senator's temperature, pulse and
st. Petersburg. Feb. 13. — For the burg council held an indignation meetrespiration have not been read for several hours. It is noticeable, however, that he is growing weaker continuously. He has been unconscious fight the matter to a finish. eince 3 a.m. and practically so for 48

COAL COMING IN. Windsor, Ont., Feb. 15. - Three rail- hours. KAISER IN GOOD HEALTH. Berlin, Feb. 15. - The rumors cir-The war fever, which has and every available engine owned by destroyed. The war fever, which has been aroused here and apparently all over the empire, or at least all over European Russia, in a single week, is truly remarkable. The patriotic demonstrations here have been almost continuous for three days and

## WEATHER BULLETIN

TOMORROW-FAIR AND VERY London, Monday, Feb. 15.

Sun rises. 7:18 a.m. Moon rises. 6:36 a.m. Sun sets...5:46 p.m. Moon sets...5:18 p.m. Toronto, Feb. 14—8 p.m. Light snow has fallen today in Ontario and Western Quebec, while elsewhere in Canada the weather has been fair. Somewhat higher temperatures have been rewhat higher temperatures have been rehas been very cold, and maximum tem peratures ranged between 4° and 20° below zero. 8:20 a.m.-Mr. Hanna is now being kept

Minimum and maximum temperatures: zero-22; Quebec, 10-20; Halifax, 4-24. FORECASTS. Monday, Feb. 15-8 a.m.

Today-Strong northwesterly TEMPERATURES. 8 a.m. Calgary ..

nsual Quebec ....... 16 Father Point... 12

## WIDOW SUES FOR DAMAGES

Action by Mrs. Cavanagh Against fleet was severely crippled. McGillivray and W. Williams.

tween these two townships.

Min.mum and maximum temperatures:
Dawson, 30 below-20 below; Victoria, 3842; Calgary, 24 below-4 below; Qu'Appelle, 21 below-18 below; Winnipeg, 22 below-16 below; Parry Sound, 8-28; Toronto, 15-32; Ottawa, 2-18; Montreal, 22 over 29; Ouebec, 10, 20; Helifer, 4, 24 widow, and the writ was issued by ferred until after the completion of

## CAPE COLONY ELECTIONS

Snow and Bund, 45 members.