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PORT ARTHUR TERRORIZED

MANY SHIPS ARE CAPTURED BY THE JAPS

Five Russian Commercial Steamers, Some of Them Rich, Prizes Fall Into Hands of Small Cruisers.

Two Large Vessels and Four Whalers Have Been Taken to Sasebo, Japan.

CRUISER VARIAG NOT SUNK

Japs Secure Possession of Vessels and Take Them to Port—Fears for Safety of Steamship American Maru.

Tokio, Feb. 10.—The Japanese have captured at least five commercial steamers, including the Ekaterinoslav, the Murkden, the Russia, the Argun, and the Alexander. The vessels were captured by the Japanese in Korean and adjacent waters since Saturday by small cruisers. Some of the steamers are rich prize.

Japs Capture Many Vessels.

London, Feb. 11.—Dispatches to the Daily Mail from Tokio and Nagasaki under date of February 10, report the arrival at Sasebo, Japan, of two large Russian steamers, the transport Ekaterinoslav and the steamer Argun, both captured by Japanese cruisers in the neighborhood of Fusan, Corea. The Ekaterinoslav is of 10,000 tons displacement and has been fitted up as an auxiliary cruiser.

The Russian whalers, Glorige, Nicolai, Alexander and Michael, captured by the Japanese, also arrived at Sasebo.

Auto Crushes Woman.

New York, Feb. 10.—While a dense fog hung over the city Mrs. Catherine Conway, 60 years old, was run over and fatally hurt by a large touring automobile driven by George Gordon, as she was crossing Eighty-sixth street at Park avenue. The old lady was on her way to church and failed to see the automobile as it bore down on her.

She was thrown into the mud and crushed. Gordon turned on the power and tried to escape from the scene. A young man happened to be standing on the curb. He jumped on the machine and hung fast as it sped away.

Nearly a mile from the scene of the accident the fellow on the back sighted two policemen and shouted that the machine had run down a woman. The policemen sprang into the street and arrested Gordon. He was taken to the station house crying like a child, but was not told that the woman was dead. He probably will be charged with manslaughter.

Actor Commits Suicide.

Spokane, Feb. 10.—George A. Yielding, an actor, killed himself at hotel Spokane tonight under dramatic circumstances. He went to the door of Florence Roberts' room and knocked. The actress failing to respond, he drew a cheap revolver, placed the muzzle in his mouth, fired and fell dying at the door. He was formerly with the Florence Roberts company.

Starch Factory Burns.

Owego, N. Y., Feb. 10.—The huge starch factory of the Corn Products Company, the largest establishment of the kind in the world, was damaged by fire, which started in the chemical room tonight, to the extent of \$1,000,000.

Brave Girl Saves Family.

Deaf and Dumb Domestic Alarms a Sleeping Household.
San Francisco, Feb. 10.—Margaret De Gony, a deaf and dumb servant girl, employed in the home of H. H. Larsen, displayed sufficient presence of mind this morning to save her own life under extraordinary circumstances, and possibly the lives of the Larsen family.

The young woman arose about 5 o'clock, started a fire and went back to bed. In her room was a double chamber equipped for electric light and gas. In some manner she turned on the gas when putting out the electric light.

Later she was half aroused by the stifling sensation following the inhaling of the gas. Too weak to rise she tumbled out of bed and crawled on her hands and knees to the door which she succeeded in opening. By this time the whole house was filled with the fumes of the gas.

The young woman gave the alarm and fainted. She was removed to the Central Emergency hospital in the ambulance, and recovered sufficiently to be sent home during the forenoon.

NORTHERN JAPAN IS GUARDED TO PRECLUDE OF RUSSIAN ENCROACHMENT

High Gale Which Will Add to Damage Already Inflicted to Cruisers--Alert Orientals Prevent Movements.

Efforts of Scattered Russian Fleet to Get Together Fails Because of Threatened Attacks By the Japs, Who Circumvent the Enemy, Foiling Every Attempt to Carry Out Program.

Chefoo, Feb. 10.—Upon the withdrawal of the Japanese minister from St. Petersburg, the Japanese fleet and transports proceeded to Masampo, which was occupied, and the fleet then sailed for Port Arthur. The rest of the Japanese ships are guarding northern Japan, fearing that Russia might land a force from Vladivostok, and for the purpose of preventing four Russian cruisers from joining the Russian fleet at Port Arthur. Other Japanese war vessels are aiming to intercept Russian vessels coming from Singapore.

The Russian battleships damaged at Port Arthur are the Peresviet, Czarowitch or Ritzewain. The cruiser Borjarsin, which was beached when the tide was falling, has not been floated, and will be damaged, as a northeast gale was blowing today. The Japanese fleet has probably retired to Masampo, and it is not known whether there was another attack on Tuesday night.

General Tschikoff took command of the Russian troops in Manchuria today. A northeast gale which is raging here does no good to the Russian crippled ships.

Complete demoralization reigns at Port Arthur.

Japs Capture Many Vessel.

San Francisco, Feb. 10.—A cablegram to the Associated Press from Nagasaki, states that the Russian cruiser Variag, which was reported to have been sunk yesterday at Chemulpo by the Japanese fleet, was captured and arrived at Sasebo. The dispatch also states that in addition to the vessels damaged in the torpedo attack at Port Arthur seven other vessels were captured.

Fears for American Maru.

San Francisco, Feb. 10.—Agents here of the Japanese steamer America Maru, which left this port last month on her last trip to the orient, are apprehensive regarding her safe arrival at Yokohama. The vessel, with her sister ships Nippon Maru and Hongkong Maru, have been impressed by the Japanese government as auxiliary cruisers. It is feared she may have been captured by the Russians.

Coal Orders Cancelled.

Cardic, Feb. 10.—Orders have been received here suspending all shipments of coal for the Russian government and cancelling the charters in its behalf.

War Declaration Approved.

Tokio, Feb. 10.—A formal declaration of war is expected tonight. The proclamation has been formulated and approved by the cabinet.

Viceroy Mobilizes.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 10.—Viceroy Alexieff, began today the mobilization of an army corps in east Asia.

Returns to Bombard.

London, Feb. 10.—A dispatch to the Central News from Port Arthur says the Japanese fleet returned there Tuesday afternoon and again bombarded the Russian fleet and forts, but that it soon withdrew. The losses to the Russians, the dispatch says, was small. During the firing a Japanese cruiser grounded.

Strategic Point Seized.

Tokio, Feb. 10.—Japan seized Masampo Sunday and dispatched a heavy force there. Japan will fortify the port and establish a naval military base there. Masampo is an exceedingly

important point, as it controls the Korean channel, an excellent base for future operations.

Kurino Leaves Russia.

London, Feb. 10.—A dispatch from St. Petersburg says M. Kurino the retiring Japanese minister to Russia and his staff, have left there for Berlin. A large crowd was at the station when the party boarded the train. There was no demonstration.

Important Bridge Blown Up.

London, Feb. 10.—A Shanghai correspondent says an important bridge on the Manchuria railway has been blown up and 30 men have been killed.

London Without News.

London, Feb. 11.—Special dispatches from Tokio this morning announce the arrival of Japanese troops at Seoul, but beyond this the dispatches published in the newspapers add practically nothing to the knowledge of the actual situation.

VOYAGE DRIVES HER INSANE.

Russian Girl Has Mania For Waiting For Her Lover's Arrival.

New York, Feb. 10.—Believing that her lover was coming to take her back to Russia and there make her his bride, Miss Dora Grodsky, 19 years old, who has been in this country only a few weeks, for several days last week stood for hours at a stretch at a window waiting for the appearance of her future husband. The passage on the ship in which the girl came to this country was long and stormy, and she suffered greatly from seasickness. When she landed she was still ill, and on being taken to the house at 174 Floyd street, the home of some of her countrymen, she grew morbid and seemed mentally unbalanced.

So far as is known Miss Grodsky never had a love affair in the old country, but shortly after arriving here she became possessed of an hallucination that she was going to return to Russia with an imaginary lover and become a bride. On rising in the morning she would go to the window and watch those passing, trying to pick out her lover. When night came without bringing the one she expected, the girl would become morose and refuse to eat.

The people with whom she lived decided that a change of scene would do her good, and last week she was sent to Hudson, N. Y. She grew worse, however, and yesterday was brought back to Brooklyn. Fearing that she might harm herself, Dr. William B. Mosby was summoned from the Kings county hospital, and Miss Grodsky was taken to that institution yesterday afternoon. She will be examined as to her sanity.

Charged With Horse Stealing.

Oakland, Feb. 10.—William E. Barnes today entered a plea of not guilty to a charge of felony in stealing a horse and buggy belonging to Dr. William A. Porter valued at \$500. William knows that his guilt, once proved, means a long term, as he has escaped on various technicalities and pretexts on several serious charges. He has retained Attorney Erick and today demanded a jury trial. He will be given a chance to establish his innocence on Wednesday, March 2.

It is no small satisfaction to the officers of the law that Barnes' accuser is a man. Several months ago he escaped prosecution on a charge of larceny through the plaintiff in the case, Mrs. M. Hughes, wedding him. The mar-

riage had considerable of the romantic attached to it. It followed Mrs. Hughes' charge but a few days. Mrs. Barnes soon tired of married life, and began suit for divorce. Recently, however, the action was dismissed.

Barnes' plea of not guilty today was not a surprise. He stoutly asserted his innocence on his preliminary police court hearing.

CONDITION OF HANNA

Restlessness Followed By Quiet and Needed Sleep.

Washington, Feb. 10.—Senator Hanna's condition today remained practically unchanged. The restlessness which fatigued him last night has been followed by periods of comparative quiet and sleep during the day, and the irritability of the stomach has partially yielded to treatment. This feature of the case the physicians are guarding zealously against, as any complications, in the senator's weak condition, may be quickly fatal.

The Noon Report.

Washington, Feb. 10.—While the condition of Senator Hanna is not so favorable as it was yesterday, it was better at noon today than last night. After the night consultation of his physicians, the senator developed some gastric trouble—a recurrence practically of the stomach trouble of Sunday night. For several hours he was unable to retain the nourishment given him and Dr. Carter was called to the bedside several times. An improvement finally was noted, and today Senator Hanna is retaining the liquid nourishment, which he takes at intervals. The gastric affection is attributed to the sedatives given the patient.

Senator Hanna's physicians at noon today issued the following bulletin:

"At 12 o'clock Senator Hanna was resting quietly. Temperature, 100 8-10; pulse, 97; respiration, 28. He was a little more restless during the night, but slept quietly at intervals. There are no complications and his general condition continues good.

"RIXEY AND CARTER."

Alarming reports of Senator Hanna's condition were circulated this morning, but the physicians and others cognizant of the facts give assurance that there was no greater foundation than is here indicated. It is announced that the senator's heart, kidneys, lungs and bowels are performing their functions satisfactorily. The patient manifests great weakness and some nervousness, but the symptoms, it is said, are not more distinctly defined than is to be expected in cases of typhoid fever.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Gilbert left last night for California, where they will spend several months.

DONOT REGARD US AS THEIR FRIENDS

Russians Are Inclined to Be Suspicious of the Attitude of the United States Towards the Chinese.

Plan to Localize Theater of War Meets With Favor at St. Petersburg.

NEUTRALITY PROCLAMATION

President Decides Upon Its Issuance—Both Japan and Russia Favorable to Hay's Scheme.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 10.—The statement that Secretary Hay had issued a note to the powers asking them to join in insisting on the recognition of the integrity of China and Corea during and after hostilities created much comment in diplomatic circles here, where any action taken with a view to localizing the theater of war is welcomed. At the foreign office there is some disposition to distrust the purpose of the United States.

Foreign Minister Lamsdorff, talking to diplomats at the reception this afternoon, spoke feelingly of Japan's action, and declared the czar had done all in his power to avoid a conflict.

Washington, Feb. 10.—It is known that both combatants desire localization of the war.

In the present period of the negotiation, the state department officials find it inexpedient to discuss the various steps which led up to the issuance of the note.

The president has decided to issue a proclamation of neutrality.

Death Sentence Commuted.

Olympia, Feb. 10.—Governor McBride today commuted to life imprisonment the death sentence of John Reynolds for the murder of William McNally. Reynolds shot and killed McNally in Wellington, January, 1903, mistaking his victim for a man who had threatened his life.

J. P. Galbrant, of Albany, was in the city yesterday.

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