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THE WEATHER.

Forecast made at San Francisco for thirty hours ending midnight, February 10: San Francisco and vicinity—Cloudy Wednesday, with showers; brisk southeast wind. G. H. WILSON, Local Forecaster.

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THE THEATERS.

Alcazar—"The Gay Parisians." California—"A Night on Broadway." Central—"In Sight of St. Paul's." Chutes—Vaudeville. Columbia—"Alexander the Great." Fischer—"Holy-Poly." Grand—"Whoop-Dee-Dee." Matinee To-day. Orpheum—Vaudeville. Matinee To-day. Tivoli—"When Johnny Comes Marching Home."



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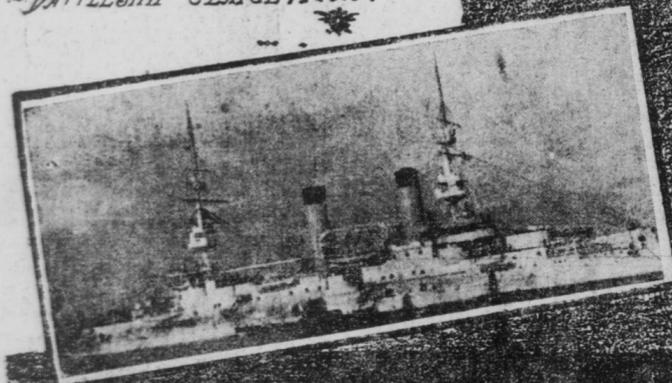
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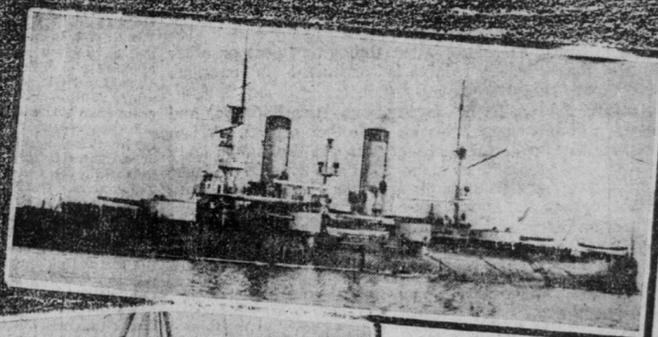
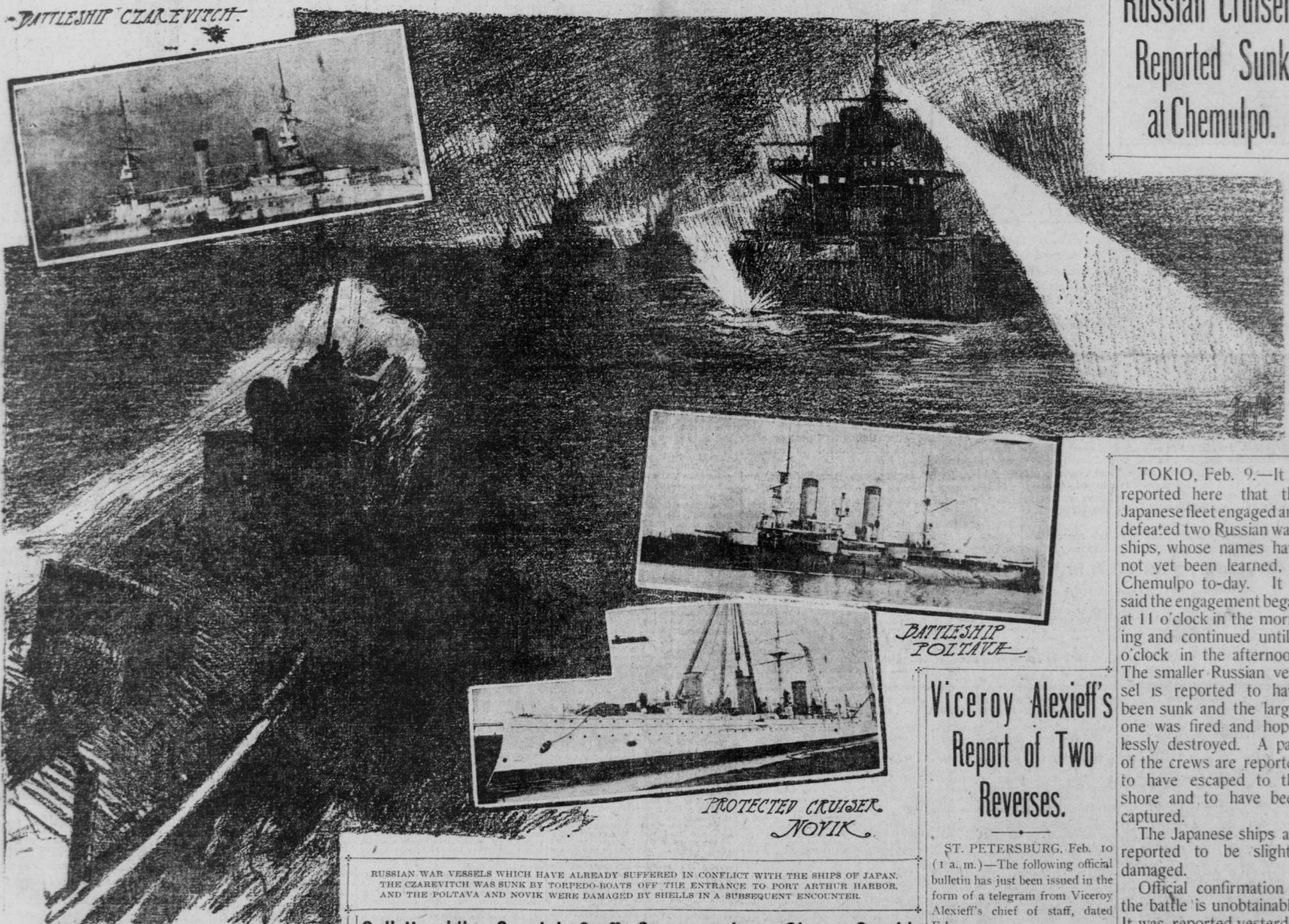
JAPANESE DESTROY OR DISABLE NINE RUSSIAN WARSHIPS AT PORT ARTHUR AND CHEMULPO AND RULE THE SEA

JAPANESE torpedoes sank two Russian battleships and a cruiser in an attack at Port Arthur on Monday. On Tuesday the entire Japanese fleet engaged the Russian warships, its fire disabling four vessels. Tokio dispatches report the destruction of two Russian warships off the harbor of Chemulpo, Korea. Russia's land forces have begun the advance toward Korea to engage the army landed by Japan.

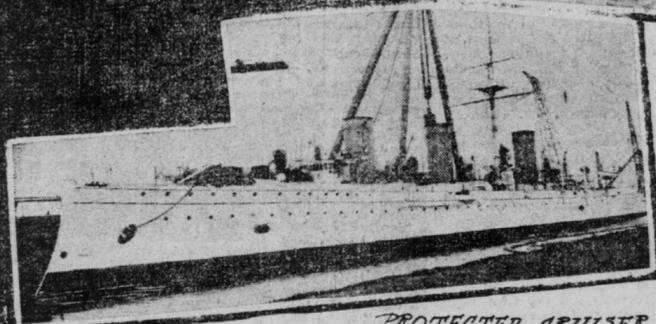
BATTLESHIP CZAREVITCH.



Russian Cruisers Reported Sunk at Chemulpo.



BATTLESHIP POLTAVA.



PROTECTED CRUISER NOVIK.

RUSSIAN WAR VESSELS WHICH HAVE ALREADY SUFFERED IN CONFLICT WITH THE SHIPS OF JAPAN. THE CZAREVITCH WAS SUNK BY TORPEDO-BOATS OFF THE ENTRANCE TO PORT ARTHUR HARBOR, AND THE POLTAVA AND NOVIK WERE DAMAGED BY SHELLS IN A SUBSEQUENT ENCOUNTER.

Viceroy Alexieff's Report of Two Reverses.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 10 (1 a. m.)—The following official bulletin has just been issued in the form of a telegram from Viceroy Alexieff's chief of staff, dated February 9:

"By order of the Viceroy I beg to report that this day, at about 11 o'clock in the morning, a Japanese squadron consisting of about fifteen battleships and cruisers approached Port Arthur and opened fire. The enemy was received with a cannonade from the shore batteries and the guns of our squadron, which also participated in the engagement.

"At midday the Japanese squadron ceased the fire and left, proceeding south. "Our losses in the fleet were two officers wounded, nine men killed and forty-one men wounded. The battleship Poltava and

TOKIO, Feb. 9.—It is reported here that the Japanese fleet engaged and defeated two Russian warships, whose names have not yet been learned, at Chemulpo to-day. It is said the engagement began at 11 o'clock in the morning and continued until 3 o'clock in the afternoon. The smaller Russian vessel is reported to have been sunk and the larger one was fired and hopelessly destroyed. A part of the crews are reported to have escaped to the shore and to have been captured.

The Japanese ships are reported to be slightly damaged.

Official confirmation of the battle is unobtainable. It was reported yesterday that the Russian cruiser Korutz and the Variag were lying at Chemulpo and it is possible that they were the vessels reported to have been engaged.

CLAIMS RUSSIANS HAULED DOWN FLAGS WITHOUT FIRING SHOT

LONDON, Feb. 10.—In a dispatch from Tientsin dated February 9 a correspondent of the Daily Mail says it is reported that the Russian cruiser Variag and the gunboat Korutz hauled down their flags without firing a

Russian Army Begins Forward Movement to Engage Japanese on Korean Frontier.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

LONDON, Feb. 9.—A special from Port Arthur to-night says the Russian forward movement has commenced. General Krastalinski will leave Liaotung tomorrow for the Yalu River at the head of the Third Brigade of Artillery, consisting of twenty-four guns. Three regiments of infantry and the Third, Fourth and Fifth brigades are entrenched

along the railway for a distance of forty miles from Haichon, and three batteries of the Fifth Brigade are at Kinchau.

Altogether thirty-six East Siberian regiments are in Manchuria. Four have been moved to Vladivostok since Thursday. The guards along the Manchurian Railway have been increased and

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Call-Herald's Special Staff Correspondent Gives Graphic Account of the Battle of Port Arthur.

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CHEFU, Tuesday, 7:30 p. m. (eastern time) Feb. 9.—I was lying on Monday night in the quarantined Indo-China steamship Columbia between the entrance to Port Arthur and the Russian fleet and close to the latter.

One of the Russian warships was using searchlights. In a leisurely fashion only three torpedo-boats were patrolling the outskirts of the fleet. All of the other torpedo-boats were inside the basin. Everything was tranquil

and a Russian official told us he expected the Japanese fleet in three or four days. The lighthouse was already lighted and guiding lights were burning. About 8 o'clock the Russian sailors chanted their

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