

THE WEATHER.
Forecast made at San Francisco for thirty hours ending at midnight February 12, 1904: San Francisco and vicinity—Rain Friday; brisk to high southerly winds.
A. G. McADIE,
District Forecaster.

THE THEATERS.
Alcazar—"The Gay Parisians."
California—"A Night on Broadway."
Central—"In Sight of St. Paul's."
Chutes—Vandeville.
Columbia—"Alexander the Great."
Fischer—"Holy-Poly."
Grand—"Whop-Dee-Do."
Orpheum—Vandeville.
Tivoli—"When Johnny Comes Marching Home."

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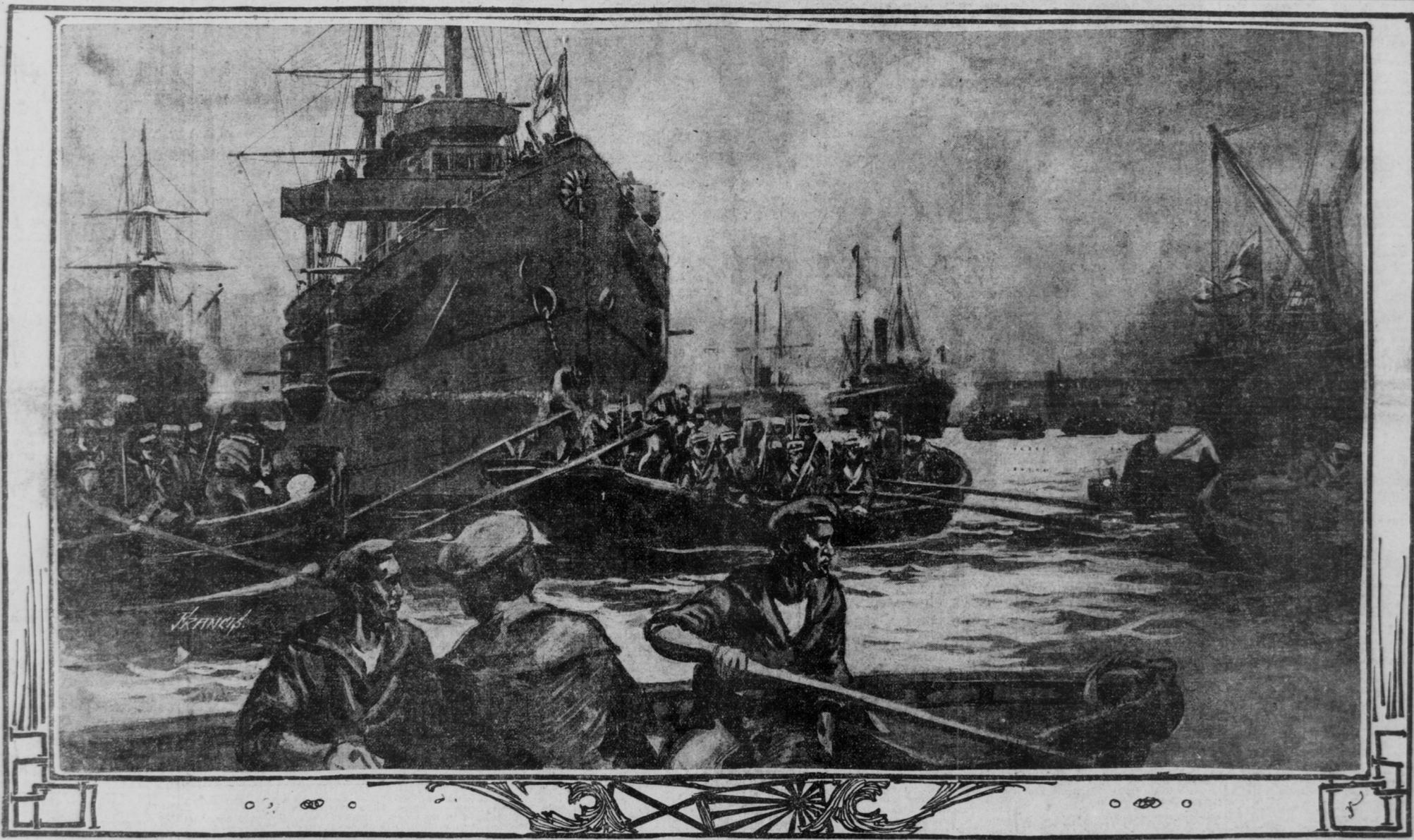
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THREE JAPANESE TORPEDO BOATS SUNK WITH HEAVY LOSS OF LIFE IN ATTACK ON RUSSIAN FLEET AT PORT ARTHUR

JAPANESE FLEET IS SAID TO HAVE RENEWED BOMBARDMENT

LONDON, Feb. 12.—In a dispatch from Shanghai dated February 12 a correspondent of the Daily Telegraph says: "The bombardment of Port Arthur continues. Three Russian cruisers have been sunk. The Russian bank building has been destroyed. There have been disturbances at Port Arthur in which a number of Japanese civilians were killed or imprisoned. A Chinese mob has destroyed the telegraph line around Newchwang."



JAPANESE TROOPS LANDING AT CHEMULPO FROM TRANSPORTS, CONVOYED BY CRUISERS AFTER LATTER DEFEATED TWO RUSSIAN WARSHIPS

Czar's Forces Repulse Attempts of the Enemy to Land Troops for Investment of Muscovite Stronghold.

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CHEFU, Feb. 11.—Out of the four Japanese torpedo-boats which made the first attack on Monday night at Port Arthur three were sunk, with great loss of life. The fourth was a 28-knot boat and escaped. The Japanese torpedo-boats effected an entrance to the outer harbor by using Russian signal flashlights. Consequently the Russians did not fire upon them.

I have heard the following account of the first surprise from a Russian naval officer: The battleship Pallada was on the outside edge of the Russian fleet and, on duty that night. The chief artillery officer noticed four torpedo-boats approaching with full lights and in all respects like Russian torpedo-boats. The officer informed his captain that the approaching boats were Japanese. The captain denied this and said they were built in Port Arthur. The artillery officer insisted that they were Japanese and the captain became angry, saying: "I am in command of the ship, sir."

Despite this the artillery officer gave orders to prepare for action.

Immediately afterward the Japanese launched a torpedo, but the Pallada was able to retaliate instantly and the other Russian ships cleared for action.

It is reported now that the Japanese attempted a landing near Bedzero, eighty miles north of Port Arthur, but were repulsed with heavy loss. They again tried to effect a landing at Talienswan under shelter of the fleet, but, owing to the strong firing from the fortifications they were unable to succeed. It is said that one Japanese ship has been torpedoed.

The British merchant ships in Port Arthur have repeatedly applied for permission to leave port, but this has been refused.

The Cesarevitch was towed into the harbor there at 3 o'clock on Tuesday afternoon. It is said only her outer bottom was penetrated by the Japanese torpedo and the

Russians are now busy repairing her. She can be repaired in two or three days. The Pallada is still outside and beached. She must be seriously injured, but she is now also being repaired. She is the only one of the torpedoed vessels now outside.

A shell struck a hospital ship outside the basin during the bombardment. The captain's cabin and chart-room were blown off, but there was no loss of life, as the ship was only recently purchased and was unmanned.

The foreigners in Port Arthur were notified at 7 o'clock on Monday night that they had twenty-four hours in which to clear out, but British steamships there have been forbidden to leave. One German steamer arrived at Chefu to-day, the first to get here from Port Arthur since the Columbia reported here after the battle. She brought news that the reserves had been called out. On Wednesday the Japanese tried to land at Pigeons Bay, near Port Arthur. Thirty-six Japanese vessels were then there. It is not known if the attempt succeeded.

Thousands of persons are leaving Port Arthur daily by train. There is not even standing room in the cars.

At 4 o'clock this afternoon the Russian transport Smolensk and torpedo-boat No. 211 entered the canal. Torpedo-boat No. 222 has broken down and is repairing here.

The Russian ruble has gone down 24 per cent at Chefu among Chinese merchants.

General Tchichikoff has taken supreme command of the Russian troops in Manchuria.

There is a strong northeasterly wind blowing at Chefu, rendering all communication by ships impossible. Many Chinese boatmen have just been drowned before my eyes. It was impossible to save them, owing to the violence of the waves. The storm may capsize the stranded battleships at Port Arthur, causing them to block completely the harbor entrance, but it also will compel the Japanese fleet to retire.