

JAPANESE CLAIM SWEEPING VICTORY AT PORT ARTHUR

Reports Russia's Entire Fleet Disabled.
Tokio's Version of the Attack by Togo.

Special Dispatch to The Call.
TOKIO, Feb. 26.—Army and navy officials, conservative in everything relating to the war, issued a bulletin this evening which they classed as an unofficial report because it did not come from Admiral Togo. The bulletin was the substance of a dispatch received from Seoul in the morning and sent by Lieutenant General Iseji, commander of the sixth military division, comprising the Eleventh and Twenty-third brigades of infantry, now at the Korean capital. His information of the sea fight on Thursday morning must have come through Chemulpo by wireless telegraph from one of the warships, but because it is signed by him instead of the admiral it is bulletined without any comments by the Government. The message of Lieutenant General Iseji carries news of a great victory by the Japanese navy. As bulletined it says: "On Thursday morning the enemy was engaged by the fleet, the Russian cruisers Askold, Bayan and Novik assisting the land force from outside the harbor. All three cruisers were driven inside after a fire of fifty minutes. It is believed they are damaged below as well as above the water line. Our shells exploded in the fort and undoubtedly did great damage. Two guns on Golden Hill were silenced. "After the morning engagement the cruisers Yoshino, Chitose, Kasagi and Takasago turned Laotieshan Channel and engaged three torpedo-boats in Pigeon Bay, destroying one and damaging others. The land batteries were silenced."

RUSSIAN FLEET DISABLED.
In addition to this, the Government has posted a bulletin announcing that no message has been received directly from Admiral Togo, but that indirect information is to the effect that the Russian fleet is now practically unfit for naval service because of the damages sustained in two recent fights and that Port Arthur channel, while not securely locked, is dangerous to navigation.

Naval tacticians here, both native and foreign, put the greatest emphasis on that part of the report that the Askold, the Bayan and the Novik only took part in outside engagements. This leads to the belief that all the Russian battleships have been damaged by Admiral Togo's attack and that the three cruisers were the only ships able to come out and meet the Japanese fleet. The report from the Lieutenant general suggests that these three cruisers are now unseaworthy.

TOKIO'S OFFICIAL ACCOUNT.
WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—The Japanese legation has received a cable dispatch from Tokio under today's date giving an account of the ineffectual attempt made by the Japanese to blockade the mouth of the harbor at Port Arthur and also a brief account of the attack by the Japanese on Port Arthur yesterday morning. The text of the dispatch follows: "Vice Admiral Kamimura reports on the 26th of February the following: According to the report from the torpedo flotilla, which was sent for the purpose of rescuing the crews of the steamers sent to block up the harbor at Port Arthur, the steamer Hokoku on the left side of the entrance of the harbor near the lighthouse, and the steamer Bushui outside the entrance, were sunk purposely by the Japanese by explosion. The steamers Tenchin, Bupo and Jinson sunk themselves on the east of the Lao Tsh Shan. All the crews of these steamers were picked up in safety. Our destroyers and torpedo flotilla are unharmed. On the night of the 24th our destroyers again went on a scouting cruise near Port Arthur, Dainy and Pigeon Bay."
TORPEDO-BOAT SUNK.
"On the dawn of the 25th our main squadron approached Port Arthur, and bombarded the enemy's men-of-war

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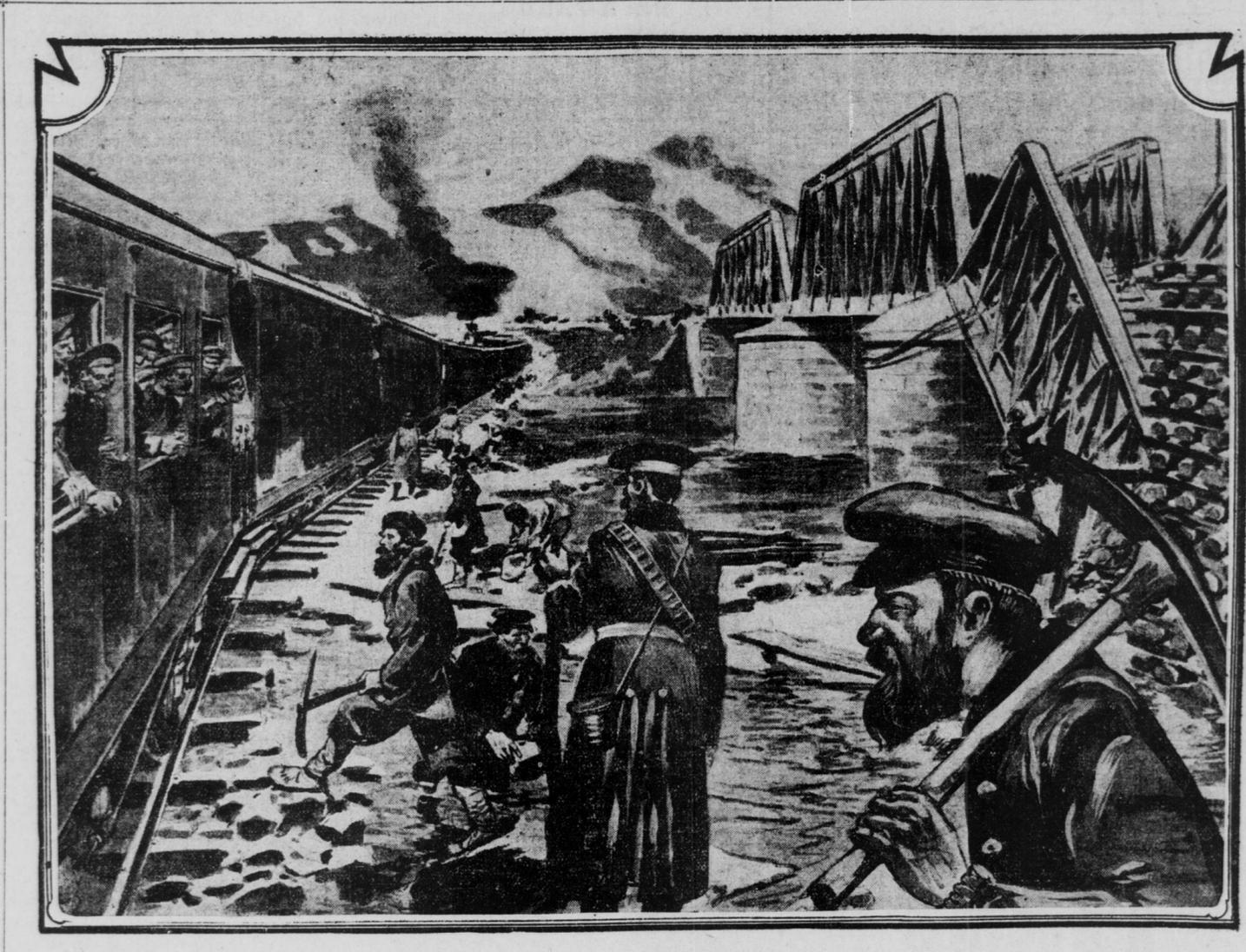
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about the forts from a distance. We saw the Novik, the Askold and the Bayan fleeing into the harbor, thus it being apparent that the blocking operation had not much effect. Our squadron then fired into the harbor, and we saw flames and considerable smoke. We withdrew after fifteen minutes' shelling. While our cruisers were thus engaged in firing we saw one of the enemy's torpedo-boats destroyed. Our squadron received no damage. Vice Admiral Togo is still on the scene."

TEXT OF TREATY BETWEEN MIKADO AND KOREAN RULER
WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—The Japanese legation has received from Tokio the text of the treaty between Korea and Japan, by the terms of which the Japanese Government "guarantees the independence and the territorial integrity of the Korean empire." The treaty was signed on February 22 at Seoul. Its text follows: "Mr. Hayashi, the Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of his Majesty of Japan and Major General Ye Tchi Yong, the Minister of State for Foreign Affairs ad interim of his Majesty, have agreed on the following articles: "Article I—For the purpose of maintaining a permanent and solid friendship between Japan and Korea and firmly establishing peace in the Far East, the imperial Government of Korea shall place full confidence in the imperial Government of Japan and adopt the advice of the latter in regard to improvements in administration. "Article II—The imperial Government of Japan shall, in a spirit of firm friendship, insure the safety and repose of the imperial house of Korea. "Article III—The imperial Government of Japan definitely guarantees the independence and territorial integrity of the Korean empire. "Article IV—In case the welfare of the imperial house of Korea or the territorial integrity of Korea is endangered by the aggression of a third power or by internal disturbances, the Government of Korea shall immediately take such measures as circumstances require, and in such cases the imperial Government of Korea shall give full facilities to promote the action of the imperial Japanese Government. The imperial Government of Japan may, for the attainment of the above mentioned object, occupy when the circumstances require it such places as may be necessary from strategic points of view. "Article 5—The governments of the two countries shall not in the future without mutual consent conclude with a third power such an article as may be contrary to the principles of the present protocol. "Article 6—Details in connection with the present protocol shall be arranged, as the circumstances may require, between the representative of Japan and the Minister of State for Foreign Affairs of Korea."

Cincinnati Goes to Chemulpo.
WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—The cruiser Cincinnati left Shanghai for Chemulpo today as the relief of the Zafiro, which is on the way to Philippine waters.

Torpedo Flotilla Leaves Port Said.
PORT SAID, Feb. 26.—The United States torpedo-boat flotilla, escorted by the auxiliary cruiser Buffalo, left today on its way to Manila.

French Troops for Indo-China.
CHERBOURG, Feb. 25.—A strong contingent of French colonial troops is being organized for service in Indo-China.

Fire Destroys a Custom House.
NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—A private dispatch received to-day stated that the Custom-house at Pernambuco, Brazil, had been damaged \$500,000 by fire. All the archives were burned.

San Pedro Crises.
SAN PEDRO CRUZ, Feb. 26.—John Martin and L. P. Lowe have purchased the electric light plant in Watsonville and have consolidated it with the Pejaro Valley Gas Company.

NO CAMP SITE TO BE CHOSEN
Special Dispatch to The Call.
WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 26.—It can be definitely stated there will be no purchase of a camp site in California or any other Western State this year. The army staff has suggested a desire that the pending bill be amended so as to cut out the names of all States or more definite locations and leave the several appropriations remain, placing the money at the disposal of the staff to purchase the sites where they deem best. The military committee having the matter under consideration has not taken kindly to the proposition. Not wishing to fly directly in the face of the expressed wish of the staff, nor yet willing to concede as much as they require the committee will allow the bill to die. It is understood that the staff intend to purchase three sites, one of which was to be in Kentucky, another the Chickamauga Park and the third not stated. There was to be none, however, on the Pacific Coast.

TRY TO KILL UTAH SHERIFF
Special Dispatch to The Call.
SALT LAKE, Utah, Feb. 26.—One man dying, one fatally wounded and two others injured is the result of a battle between bandits and an officer of the law on a passenger train on the San Pedro road to-night. The battle was the result of an attempt on the part of Sheriff Hickman to arrest two men supposed to be the perpetrators of the robbery of railroad laborers at Calientes a few nights ago. Two men acting suspiciously boarded train No. 2 at Modena, near the State line, and the Sheriff at Milford was notified. When the train arrived there at 11:50 o'clock to-night he entered the day coach where a number of Italians were. He was followed by the Town Marshal and several men acting as deputies. When the Italians saw the Sheriff they opened fire on him, thinking he was a robber. A general fusillade followed, the foreigners doing most of the shooting. The Sheriff lost a finger, the Town Marshal was shot through the hand and a man behind him was struck in the head and probably fatally injured. During the excitement the two strange men seen boarding the train at Modena slipped from the train and started up the track. When the shooting stopped the Sheriff took the guns away from the Italians and marched them to the city jail. Then he formed a posse to hunt for the escaped men. One of them was found a short distance from the depot, lying on the ground near the pump-house, shot through the abdomen. His name is not known. He is fatally injured. The second man has not yet been captured. The shooting caused a panic among the passengers on the train, which was delayed at Milford more than an hour.

\$3,000,000 FIRE VISITS ROCHESTER
ROCHESTER, N. Y., Feb. 26.—At sunset to-night ten engines were pouring streams of water on the ruins of most of the retail drygoods quarter of Rochester. Three of the five department stores in Rochester were consumed in a fire to-day which caused a loss of more than \$3,000,000. The Sibley, Lindsay & Curr Company, the largest retail store in Rochester, was destroyed. Of the loss \$735,000 represents buildings, and the remainder stocks and furnishings. It is said that 2500 persons were thrown out of work by the fire. The burned region lies on the north side of Main street, between St. Paul street and Clinton avenue, north running from St. Paul street almost the entire length of the block. The fire started in the store of the Rochester Drygoods Company and worked west, burning only one store east of this establishment, that of the Walkover Shoe Company, before its progress was checked in that direction. Next was the store of the Beadle-Sherburne Company, which was destroyed. Then the marble block, occupied by the Sibley, Lindsay & Curr Company, was destroyed, and finally the thirteen-story granite building, the lower floor of which was also occupied by the Sibley, Lindsay & Curr Company and the upper part by offices, was attacked. Only the front wall of the marble building is standing to-night. The shell of the granite building is intact and the floors are in place, but the building is gutted. The Sibley, Lindsay & Curr Company's six-story wholesale building, together with the stables in the rear, was destroyed, with all its valuable contents, this loss being placed at \$1,450,000. There were a livery stable and some frame dwellings on Division street, a narrow thoroughfare running in the rear of the burned stores, and these were damaged by water and falling walls. No one was injured except Assistant Chief Frank A. Jaynes, who was struck by a flying nozzle. The power on the trolley line running along Main street was cut off to avoid danger from electricity and no cars have run through the block where the fire occurred. All other traffic has been stopped and probably will not be resumed until Monday. Following are the largest losses: Granite building, \$200,000; Marble building, \$75,000; Cornwell building, \$60,000; Kirley building, \$35,000; Sibley, Lindsay & Curr Company, \$250,000. The loss in stock was as follows: Sibley, Lindsay & Curr Company, retail \$350,000, wholesale \$1,250,000; tenants in Granite building, \$200,000; Beadle-Sherburne Company, \$350,000; Rochester Drygoods Company, \$150,000. The smaller losses foot up \$80,000.

HOUSE PASSES THE NAVY BILL
WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—The House passed the naval appropriation bill to-day after having had it under consideration for a week. There was a party contest on a number of proposals during the day and especially on an effort of different minority members to secure an amendment to fix the price of armor plate at the figure bid by the Midvale Steel Company. Several amendments were ruled out on points of order and the Republican leaders by parliamentary tactics left the question of armor plate in the discretion of the Secretary of the Navy. An ineffectual attempt was made to have the eight-hour law applied to all ship construction. The contest over submarine boats was exciting and an amendment finally was adopted which leaves the question of the type of boat open, but increases the amount of the appropriation for such boats. The minority failed to secure a record vote on the proposal to recommit with instructions, the proposed instructions being declared out of order. At 5 p. m. the committee rose and the bill was reported to the House. Meyer (Dem.) of Louisiana moved to recommit to the Committee on Naval Affairs, with instructions to report a bill providing for a coaling station at Olanguapo, P. I., eliminating the provision for two armored cruisers; placing a limit of \$388 a ton on armor plate, or, as an alternative, directing the Secretary of the Navy to erect a Government armor-plate factory; providing that all ships authorized by the bill, except the battleships, shall be constructed in Government yards; providing that no part of the money paid for armor plate shall be paid to a concern in a trust, and limiting to eight hours a day work on all Government contracts. Foss made the point of order that new legislation was proposed by Meyer, and was sustained by the chair. Payne cut off further debate by moving to recommit the bill to the Committee on Naval Affairs, and then he and his Republican associates defeated the motion, 138 to 99. The bill then passed without opposition and the House adjourned.

WELL KNOWN AUTHOR TOURING CALIFORNIA
Cyrus Townsend Brady Confident That the Japanese Will Eventually Down the Russians.
Cyrus Townsend Brady of New York, author and newspaper correspondent, accompanied by his wife, arrived in this city yesterday and is staying at the Russ House. Mr. Brady has been traveling through the southern portion of the country inspecting the Santa Fe reading-rooms with S. E. Busser, superintendent of that department of the company. He regards the railroad reading-room as one of the great educational movements of the age. Of the war between Japan and Russia, in which he is deeply interested, Mr. Brady expresses the opinion that the Russians will not stand up against their formidable little opponents, who are fighting along American lines of warfare. He was a classmate at the Annapolis Naval Academy of several of the present commanders of the Japanese navy and he relates many interesting reminiscences of their life together at that institution. He expects to remain in California for some time.

PISTOL SHOT CAUSES ALARM
Considerable excitement was occasioned in the vicinity of Pipe and Jones streets shortly after 11 o'clock last night by a pistol shot and the subsequent arrest of a suspected burglar. The scene of the affair is in the center of the fashionable boarding-house district, and it was some time before the guests of the neighboring hotels had sufficiently composed themselves to again retire. While Mrs. George N. Howard was sitting in her apartments in the "The Newport," 1018 Pine street, she was startled by some one endeavoring to unfasten one of the windows from the outside. She summoned her husband, George N. Howard of Shreve & Co., from an adjoining room and, upon raising the blinds, both were startled to see a fellow on a shed in the rear of the house, peering into the rooms occupied by Mrs. Green. Howard at once dispatched his wife to notify Mrs. Green and then gave the alarm. E. C. Price of the treasury department of the Southern Pacific Company, who resides in the house, got a glimpse of the fellow and fired a shot at him, but without any known damage. Howard saw the man jump from the shed and run up the street. Special Officer C. S. Mahanke and Patrolman Daley were in the vicinity and hastened to the scene. At the corner of Jones and Pine streets they met a fellow perspiring freely and out of breath. He was placed under arrest and taken back to the "Newport." Howard, although unable to positively identify him, said that he resembled the man he had seen on the roof. When taken to the Central Station the prisoner gave the name of Henry Noon and stated that he was a sailor on the ship James, which came over from Oakland yesterday. His only explanation of his presence in the neighborhood in question at such a late hour was that he was merely taking a stroll. His statements were contradictory and his name was placed on the detinue book pending an investigation.

Death of Louis Elkus.
Louis Elkus, a well-known citizen, passed away yesterday at his late home, 2328 Pacific avenue. Mr. Elkus was 76 years of age and a native of Germany. He leaves a wife and eight children, Albert, William H., Eugene S., George W., Edward M., Louis A., S. Kahn. The funeral service will be held at the residence at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning and the interment will take place at Home of Peace Cemetery, a special train leaving Third and Townsend streets at 11:40 a. m.

Runaway Girl Arrested.
Nellie Emerson, the 17-year-old daughter of James Emerson, a ship carpenter living at 558 Fifty-ninth street, Oakland, was arrested last night by Patrolman Pearl in a lodging-house at 137 O'Farrell street and placed in charge of the matron at the City Prison. In company of Mabel Radcliffe, a young woman, Miss Emerson ran away from her home on the 12th inst. The police were notified and last evening she was arrested.

Buffalo, N. Y., Feb. 26.—Henry L. Schwartz of Baker & Schwartz, attorneys, was shot and probably fatally wounded at his private office in the Marine Bank building to-day by H. A. Knowles of the dry goods firm of Knowles & Gardner. Knowles then blew out his own brains.

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The Start

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Tokio Says Japanese Lost No Ships.
Admits Failure to Blockade the Channel.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 26.—The Russ this morning publishes the following from Port Arthur, under date of February 25: "On the night of February 24 the Japanese attempted to blockade the exit from Port Arthur Bay, in order to enclose our fleet concentrated within. Under convoy of torpedo-boats and transports the enemy advanced four freighters, in ballast, at full speed to the gateway, where it was intended to sink the latter vessels; but the maneuver was immediately observed on the battleship Retvizan, which was standing in the bay before the entrance. The Retvizan at once opened fire and after it the batteries on the peak and those on the promontory took part. As a result the ships with which it was designed to blockade the port were destroyed and their mission rendered unsuccessful. According to a wholly unsupported report one Japanese torpedo-boat was sunk."

TOKIO'S SHIPS NOT DAMAGED.
TOKIO, Feb. 26.—Vice Admiral Togo's attempt to bottle up the Russian fleet at Port Arthur by sinking a fleet of stone-laden merchant steamers in the mouth of the harbor evidently failed, though the venture caused no loss of life and the vessels lost were not of great value. Five ships were prepared by Vice Admiral Togo for the attempted blockade. Four are reported to have been sunk, but the fate of the fifth is unknown here. It is presumed that it withdrew with the other Japanese vessels. The five vessels were filled with stones, so as to make the obstruction permanent, and were manned by volunteer merchant crews. It was impossible to select naval officers and sailors on account of their great rivalry to participate in the daring venture. Accompanied by four battleships, nine cruisers and numerous vessels of the torpedo flotilla, the stone-laden steamships reached Port Arthur on Wednesday. While the fleet engaged the shore batteries the steamships made a dash for the mouth of the harbor, directly under the Russian guns.

Details of the attack have not been received here, but it is evident that the Russian fire sank the steamships before they reached the points planned for their foundering by the Japanese. It is said that all of the crews of the four vessels escaped in boats and were picked up by Japanese torpedo-boat destroyers. The report that two of the torpedo-boat destroyers were sunk by the Russians is denied. The naval department has received a brief dispatch from the commander of one of the torpedo-boat destroyers, saying that no lives and no warships were lost and that no damage was inflicted by the Russians. Pending the receipt of the official report of Vice Admiral Togo the Navy Department declines to make any announcement regarding the affair. The five merchant vessels which were prepared for sinking were the Jinsen Maru of 2331 tons; the Tientsin Maru, 2943 tons; the Hokoku Maru, 2776 tons; the Buyo Maru, 1169 tons; and the Bushiu Maru, 1349 tons. Each carried five men, two steering and three firing and running the engines.

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