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BOMBARDING PORT ARTHUR

Japanese Fleet Renews Attack and Is Again Repulsed With Heavy Loss.

GUNS OF ADMIRAL TOGO SHELL TOWN FOR TWO HOURS

Russian General Telegraphs St. Petersburg Brief Account of Engagement.

London, Feb. 25.—It is now developed, according to the Port Arthur correspondent of the Daily Mail, that the Japanese attack on Port Arthur of the 24th was a daring attempt on the part of Admiral Togo to close the harbor by sinking old ships in the narrow channel. Details are lacking, but the attempt was probably unsuccessful.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 25.—Rumors are again current here that a bombardment of St. Petersburg is going on. Maj. General Palug has telegraphed the minister of war as follows: "Enemy again attacked Port Arthur from one until three o'clock this morning and were repulsed. Details follow."

JAPANESE TORPEDO BOATS UNINJURED.

London, Feb. 25.—The British foreign office has received a dispatch saying that not one of the Japanese torpedo boats was damaged in the attack upon Port Arthur Feb. 24.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 25.—It is officially announced from Port Arthur that four Japanese battleships and two Japanese transports have been sunk in a fresh attack on Port Arthur. The attack was repulsed.

CONFIRMED IN PARIS.

Four Jap Battleships Damaged in Port Arthur Attack.

Paris, Feb. 25.—The foreign office received late in the afternoon the following dispatch from the French consul at Chefoo:

"The Russians have repulsed a Japanese attack upon Port Arthur. Four Japanese battleships were damaged and run aground."

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DOUBTED IN WASHINGTON.

Report of Sinking of Several Japanese Warships.

Washington, Feb. 25.—The Japanese legation here discredits the reports of the sinking of four Japanese warships and two transports at Port Arthur. Attention is called to the fact that both of the reports emanate from Russian sources and therefore should be accepted with caution. Furthermore the reference to the participation of the Russian in the fighting and the reported sinking of transports are both regarded as casting suspicion upon the story. The Russian is

understood to be in a condition unfitting her for battle for many months, while the presence of transports at Port Arthur cannot be explained, in view of the repeated statements that Japan did not intend to land troops on the Liaotung peninsula at this stage and the transports could be there for no other reason. No official advices have reached the legation regarding the matter.

RUSSIAN "MISTAKE."

No Official News of Jap Loss of Warships at Port Arthur.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 25.—It now appears from the announcement from Port Arthur (that four Japanese battleships and two Japanese transports had been sunk in a fresh attack on Port Arthur) was given out as official by mistake. There is no official confirmation here of a Russian victory at Port Arthur.

Both the report of the sinking of the Japanese ships and the denial that the announcement was official were sent out by the semi-official Telegraph bureau, the Russian news agency.

EASTWARD BOUND.

Large Japanese Fleet Sighted Off Weihaiwei, China.

Weihaiwei, Feb. 25.—Four Japanese battleships and nine cruisers passed this port during the day bound eastward.

London, Feb. 25.—The fleet which passed Weihaiwei is supposed to have been Admiral Togo's fleet, leaving Port Arthur.

PERSISTENT RUMOR.

Several Jap Warships Reported Disabled at Port Arthur.

Chefoo, Feb. 25.—The steamer Governor Jaeschi, while passing Port Arthur at 3 o'clock this a. m., heard heavy firing in that direction. There is a persistent rumor abroad that several Japanese warships have been disabled, but so far it is unconfirmed.

ROADS IN BAD CONDITION.

Japanese Land Forces Moving Slowly in Korea.

Shanghai, Feb. 25.—The Japanese army corps landed at Chemulpo, Korea, totalling about 30,000 men, has already been deployed between Seoul and Pyongyang. The advance guards are even northward of the latter place.

Owing to the partial thaw the roads are bad and the transportation of provisions and war munitions is most difficult.

BY WAY OF SHANGHAI.

Another Version of the Jap Attack on Port Arthur.

Shanghai, Feb. 25.—The Russian consul and the commander of the Russian gunboat Mandjur, now in these waters, have received an official telegram announcing that the Japanese made a futile attack on Port Arthur. The dispatch added that six vessels were reported to be disabled, but that the character and nationality of the ships were uncertain.

SEE DECEIT BY AMERICANS.

St. Petersburg Official Gazette Hints at Marine Landing.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 25.—The official Gazette publishes a telegram saying that United States Minister Allen at Seoul has received instructions from his government to send the transport Zafiro to pick up the Americans who are in the Pingyang district and remove them to Chemulpo. In addition Minister Allen has made arrangements for the protection of the American gold mining interests at Wiju.

It is presumed that Minister Allen purposely is taking this course to create an incident which will give the United States a pretext to land troops there.

Rear Admiral Evans' threat to land marines at Newchwang in case of trouble and danger to the United States consulate is noted here as yet another pin prick given Russia by the United States.

WILL WAIT AND STRIKE HARD.

Russia in No Haste to Fight Land Battles.

London, Feb. 25.—A special from Berlin to the Post claims advices from St. Petersburg foretell the disappointment to all who anticipate an early collision between the land forces of Russia and Japan. Russia, declares one of her most distinguished statesmen in the Berlin Post, "proposes to avoid decisive engagements until her preparations are complete. In pursuit of this policy it is probable that strategic movements to the rear in Manchuria may shortly be executed. Our conduct of the war will be marked not by haste, but by thoroughness. We shall deliver our blows at a late hour, but that hour will be decisive and will determine the entire future of East Asia."

RAILROAD LINE DESTROYED.

Japs Sever Communication Between Harbin and Vladivostok.

Seoul, Feb. 25.—It is apparent here that the Japanese are in full control of the Korean coast and that they will strike whenever it seems to their advantage to do so.

They are using their advantage to the utmost.

The report is confirmed that seventy miles of railroad track and some important bridges have been destroyed between Harbin and Vladivostok, which would be a great advantage to the Japanese, as Vladivostok is known to be very badly supplied and it therefore could not long resist a Japanese attack.

UNDER MARTIAL LAW.

Districts Through Which Russian Railways Traverse.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 25.—The railway between Samara and Zlatoust, in European Russia, and the Siberian lines, with all the territory appropriated by the government for the purposes of these railways have been placed under martial law in order to insure the regular running of military trains. The full powers of a commander of an army in the field have been

conferred on the commanders of the forces at Kazan and in the Siberian military districts, in whose charge these railways have been placed.

JAPANESE WERE HANGED.

Three Officers Captured While Trying to Blow Up Bridge.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 25.—There were three Japanese who were captured by Russian soldiers in Manchuria while attempting to blow up the railroad bridge over the Sangari river. They were disguised as coolies. They were arrested just as they were about to make the attempt. Inquiry revealed that they were Japanese officers of the general staff, namely, Colonel Assai of the engineers and Lieutenants Zemelascha and Kaeurta of the sappers. They were at once hanged from the girders of the bridge.

FRESH TROOPS ARRIVING.

Russians Reinforcing the Garrison at Port Arthur.

New York, Feb. 25.—Trains of twelve cars, each with eighty soldiers aboard, are now arriving frequently at Port Arthur, according to a Herald dispatch from Chefoo. Reinforcements are being pushed forward to the Yalu river from the station at Laicheng.

Great Loss of Life in Tripoli.

Tripoli City, Tripoli, Feb. 25.—Torrential rains have flooded and devastated the surrounding country and the streams have been transformed into torrents, sweeping seawards and carrying numerous corpses. Great loss of life is believed to have occurred.

TREATY WITH FRANCE

PRESIDENT CONSIDERING POSSIBILITY OF ARRANGING ARBITRATION OF DISPUTES.

OTHER COUNTRIES ARE INTERESTED

GREAT BRITAIN, ITALY AND HOLLAND ANXIOUS TO SECURE SUCH AGREEMENTS.

Washington, Feb. 25.—The state department confirms the Associated Press report from Paris that the president has been considering the possibility of arranging a treaty with France providing for the settlement of any future disputes between the two countries by resort to arbitration. It is further stated that similar propositions have been made to this government by the diplomatic representatives of Great Britain, Italy and Holland. All of them have likewise been taken under careful consideration by the president. Although earnestly favoring the principle of arbitration, President Roosevelt is indisposed to submit an arbitration treaty to the senate until he is assured of its approval.

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