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## RUSSIAN FLEET BLOCKS PORT

Commander of Besieged Fleet Gives Orders to Keep up Steam--Japanese Spies Are Captured in Port Arthur--Japs are Reported to Have Occupied Dalny--Port Arthur Will be Declared in State of Siege--Channel Blocked By Russian Ships.

LONDON, March 15.—A correspondent of the Daily Mail at New Chwang says that after the removal of the battleship, Retvizan, four Russian steamers the Harbin, the Hailar, the Ninguta, and the Sungari were anchored at the mouth of the entrance to Port Arthur in proper position and sunk, leaving only a small channel available. Vice-Admiral Makaroff having previously ordered the whole fleet to remain outside with steam up, economy in coal being unnecessary.

This dispatch, which is prominently displayed by the Daily Mail and which the correspondent says is "Russian information," is news of the first importance, confirming the idea that Vice Admiral Makaroff will adopt the offensive and make a desperate attempt to bring together Russia's scattered naval forces or endeavor to inflict damage upon the Japanese navy.

The story must, however, be viewed cautiously, the only approach to its confirmation from any other quarter being in a dispatch from a correspondent of the Daily Telegraph at Yin Kow, which merely says: Vice Admiral Makaroff has issued orders to the effect that the saving of coal is unnecessary, but that the big gun ammunition in the forts must not be wasted. Evidently this ammunition is running short.

LONDON, March 15.—Conflicting reports have been received from the Far East today regarding the situation at Port Arthur. It is believed at Tokio that Admiral Makaroff has abandoned the stronghold at Port Arthur and is endeavoring to join the Vladivostok squadron with his fleet. It is expected that he will make a

dash through the Korean straits and when the two Russian squadrons unite they will give battle to Admiral Togo of the Japanese navy. There is no confirmation of the report that Port Arthur has been abandoned, from Russian sources.

LONDON, March 15.—The correspondent of the Standard at Chefoo says: Trustworthy news from Port Arthur says that twenty Chinamen and one Jap, disguised as coolies, have been arrested for signalling with lanterns to the Japanese fleet. One was posted near a warehouse where there were large stores. The fate of these is unknown.

LONDON, March 15.—An unconfirmed report reached here today that the Japanese marines now occupying Dalny and the Japanese advance guard had routed the Russian scouts near the headwaters of the Yalu river.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 15.—Dispatches from Tien Tsin say there was a short engagement at Port Arthur Sunday, in which the Russian cruiser Diana received injuries of a bad character. Great significance is attached to an order given by the Japanese calling the war correspondents back from Ping Yang to the south.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 15.—Dispatches received today from Port Arthur state that Port Arthur will be declared in a state of siege within a week in view of the coming large movements of ships. Submarine boats are being sent there in sections to be set up for service. It is admitted that the bombardment by the Japanese fleet caused serious damage.

## DECISION AGAINST THE MERGER

### THE COURT STOOD FIVE TO FOUR.

Washington, March 14.—The Harlan opinion was concurred in by justices Brown, Brewer, McKenna and Day, while Chief Justice Fuller and Justices White, Peckham and Holmes dissented.

Washington, March 14.—The opinion of the supreme court of the United States in the case of the Northern Securities Company vs. the United States, involving the merger of the Northern Pacific and the Great Northern railroad companies, was handed down today and was in favor of the government. The opinion was read by Justice Harlan.

The opinion of the United States circuit court for the district of Minnesota was affirmed.

The effect is to sustain the contention that the Sherman anti-trust law applies to railroad combinations of the character in question.

Justice Harlan said that in the merger of the two roads the stockholders disappeared in the Securities company, the two thus becoming practically consolidated in a holding company, the principal object being to prevent competition.

## BARRY'S TRIAL IS STAYED

A Bismarck special to the Minneapolis Journal last Saturday says that the supreme court of North Dakota has issued a writ of certiorari, directing that all proceedings for a change of venue in the Barry murder trial be stayed till reviewed by the upper court.

This decision is based on the affidavit of Joseph Clery, the attorney for Barry, following the recent order of Judge Cowan, that the case be transferred to Walsh county.

Clery's affidavit says: That Judge Cowan is sitting as trial judge, and that the order for a change of venue was allowed over the objection of the defendant, Barry; that Barry is without means sufficient to prepare for trial in Walsh county March 14, and that the order for a change of venue is void because Barry is entitled to trial in Cavalier county.

The matter will be taken up at the term of the supreme court in Cass county. All proceedings in the case are stayed.

## ROOSEVELT'S N. D. HOME

Senator Hansbrough called on President Roosevelt one day recently and exhibited a photograph of "Chimney Butte ranch" in Billings county, North Dakota, which President Roosevelt occupied twenty years ago when he was "ranching" on the Little Missouri. It has been decided by the North Dakota people to remove the building to the St. Louis fair as a part of the state exhibit and Senator Hansbrough's mission was to obtain from the president some proof that the buildings were the same as he occupied. After examining the photograph the president wrote the following on a slip of paper.

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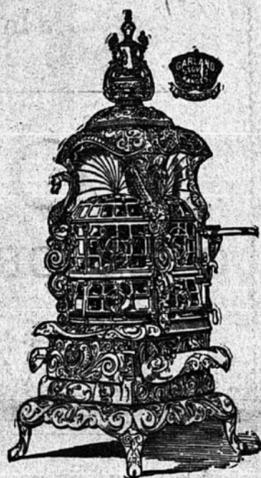
Senator Hansbrough said he would have the penciled proof framed and hung in the ranch house when it was rebuilt at the fair.—Jamestown Alert.

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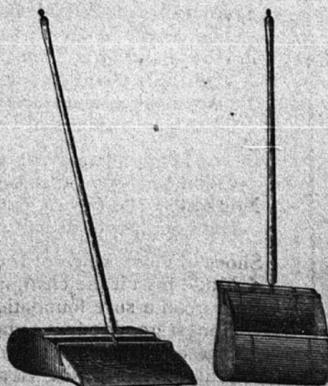
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