

JAPS GATHERING FORCES FOR THE ASSAULT UPON PORT ARTHUR

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The loss of Port Arthur would prove an irreparable blow to Russia.

The fact that only 19,000 Japanese troops were landed at Chemulpo is taken at Chefoo to indicate that the main Japanese army has been deflected for the land investment of Port Arthur.

Admiral Togo is still commanding the town from the outside in the same manner that Sampson managed the Santiago blockade.

News that the Japanese are landing on the eastern shore of the Liaoh Tung gulf near Port Arthur, is momentarily expected.

Such a step would be immediately followed up by a bombardment by Togo's Japanese fleet.

A dispatch from Tokio says that the report that the Russian Vladivostok fleet has been torpedoed and sunk near Hakodate has not been confirmed.

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Reuter's agency states that the Japanese minister at Seoul has advised the emperor of the arrest of Yi Yong, the Korean minister of finance, who is practically dictator of the country and who has been most friendly to Russia.

CHEFOO, Sept. 15.—The Puget Sound steamer Picades, which was detained several days at Port Arthur by the Russians, has arrived here, having quietly left there during a storm.

VLADIVOSTOCK, Feb. 15.—The Russian government departments here have been transferred to Nikolik and the Russo-Chinese bank has removed its valuables to Khabarovsk.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 15.—A telegram from Viceroy Alexieff confirms the report of the landing of 10,000 Japanese troops at Chemulpo.

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Eleven Russian warships were damaged. The cruiser Askold with a big hole at the water line, has been towed into the inner harbor and beached.

The battleship Retvisan is in bad condition as the result of a shell hole just above the water line.

The cruiser Novik has a shell in her port side.

The battleship Retvisan is on the beach. Her bottom has been knocked partially out.

The cruiser Pallada was torpedoed about the engine room.

The battleship Zarevitch, which also suffered from a torpedo, has been docked.

The other five ships were damaged chiefly in their upper works.

The cruiser Novik claims to have chased the Japanese torpedo boats, sinking two and capturing one.

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