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# SIX JAPANESE WARSHIPS AND TWO TRANSPORTS SUNK

## Big Russian Naval Victory According to Advices From St. Petersburg. Czar's Consul at Cheefoo Confirms Report and Gives Details of the Fight, Which Occurred Early Yesterday Morning.

All the News of the Battle Has So Far Come From Russian Sources and the Victory Claimed by the Czar is Discredited by Japanese Minister in London and by Other Diplomats.

(Scripps News Association.) COPENHAGEN, Feb. 24.—A report from St. Petersburg this evening asserts that six Japanese warships were sunk off Port Arthur.

(Scripps News Association.) PARIS, Feb. 24.—(Bulletin.)—Mava's War Agency at St. Petersburg states that a dispatch says official authority is given for the statement that four Japanese cruisers and two transports have been sunk in another attack on Port Arthur.

(Scripps News Association.) LONDON, Feb. 24.—(Bulletin.)—A Russian report has reached here that four Japanese warships and two transports were sunk in an engagement off Port Arthur. The dispatch adds that the Japanese attack was repulsed.

(Scripps News Association.) CONFIRMED. LONDON, Feb. 24.—A dispatch from Cheefoo to the Evening News declares that the Russian consul there confirms the statement that four Japanese warships have been destroyed at Port Arthur. The battle occurred early yesterday morning. The Russian consul declares that the Japanese fleet began the attack shortly after midnight. Passengers arriving from Cheefoo say continuous firing was heard off Port Arthur between 1 and 4 o'clock on the morning of the 23d. There was no moon and the conditions were ripe for a surprise. They declare that undoubtedly the Japanese were trying to steal through the entrance to the harbor when they were discovered and defeated.

(Scripps News Association.) BAYETS A FAKE. LONDON, Feb. 24.—Minister Hayashi states that he has information which discredits the St. Petersburg report of a Japanese naval disaster.

(Scripps News Association.) RUSSIANS CLAIM VICTORY. PARIS, Feb. 24.—An official telegram just received from St. Petersburg announces the defeat of the Japanese with a serious loss at Port Arthur.

(Scripps News Association.) WASHINGTON DISCREDITED. WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—The Japanese legation here has no advices of a naval defeat. It is discredited.

(Scripps News Association.) RUSSIAN TROOPS SICK. VIENNA, Feb. 24.—A Neue Freie Presse dispatch from Warsaw says that dysentery is raging among the Russian troops in Manchuria.

(Scripps News Association.) WAR CAUSES BANK FAILURE. ROSBOAUN, Feb. 24.—A bank closed its doors today owing to the depression of Russian bonds. A failure was also announced from Lyons, France.

(Scripps News Association.) HEARD NO SHOOTING. CHEEFOO, Feb. 24.—The officers of the steamer Gouverneur Jaesch, which brought the report of heavy firing yesterday morning off Port Arthur, are contradicted by officers of another steamer which was passing Dalny at the same time. The latter say they heard no shots.

(Scripps News Association.) KAWAKI NOT CONVINCED. LONDON, Feb. 24.—Minister Hayashi said this evening he believed the report of the sinking of six Japanese warships is the outcome of an assertion recently made by Pavloff, Russian agent at Seoul, that three Japanese vessels were sunk at the battle of Chemulpo. Neither Hayashi nor the Russian minister here have official confirmation of the report.

(Scripps News Association.) INDEPENDENCE ASSURED. WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—The state department this morning is in receipt of advices to the effect that Japan and Korea have concluded the negotiation of a treaty guaranteeing to Korea her independence and integrity.

(Scripps News Association.) It is supposed that under its terms Japan is allowed temporary occupation of the country with troops, with the understanding that the close of the war with Russia will be the signal for the immediate withdrawal of the soldiers. This move, coming as it does on the heels of the protest filed yesterday by Russia, is regarded here as a most effective answer to Russia's representation that Japan has violated the neutrality and integrity of Korea.

(Scripps News Association.) WAR CAUSES BIG FAILURES. LONDON, Feb. 24.—The severe depression in European government securities again resulted in a number of failures today. Three in Paris were due to the decline in Russian bonds.

(Scripps News Association.) JAPAN HAS A FEW LEFT. LONDON, Feb. 24.—A dispatch to Reuters' Agency from Wethal-wei in the present conflict. Four Japanese battleships and nine cruisers have passed there today, bound east. The vessels are evidently a part of the fleet which has been concentrated about Port Arthur.

(Scripps News Association.) CHAM PRAYS AGAIN. ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 24.—The czar today, in replying to an address expressing loyalty, said such expressions as these coming from all parts of Russia were a great consolation in these times of trouble. He concluded by expressing optimism and invoking divine aid.

(Scripps News Association.) EUROPE FAVORS RUSSIA. LONDON, Feb. 24.—Careful investigation shows that the European public as a rule favors Russia in the present conflict. France is closer bound to her than ever. Austria naturally favors the Muscovite, and Germany is pro-Russian. Italy is bound by the dreadnaught, and Spain favors Russia. England is the staunch friend of Japan and Sweden is becoming more so on account of the Finnish anti-Russian feeling.

(Scripps News Association.) AMERICA TO KEEP OUT. WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—The reply of the United States to Russia's protest against Japan is expected to be nothing more than an acknowledgment of its receipt. The state officials still announce that they will keep out of the imbroglio of the far eastern situation as much as possible.

(Scripps News Association.) CHAM'S COUSIN GOES. NICE, Feb. 24.—Grand Duke Cyril, the czar's cousin, left for the far east today via St. Petersburg. He will take up an important naval command.

(Scripps News Association.) PROTECTORATE OVER KOREA. LONDON, Feb. 24.—A correspondent

out of the Exchange Telegraph in Paris today wires that advices have been received there that Japan has declared a protectorate over Korea.

(Scripps News Association.) PARIS CONFIRMS NEWS. PARIS, Feb. 24.—The French consul at Cheefoo late this evening sent the following to the foreign office: "Russians have repulsed the Japanese attack upon Port Arthur. Four Japanese battleships were damaged and run aground."

(Scripps News Association.) TURKS WANT TO FIGHT. ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 24.—All the railways in eastern Russia and Siberia have been placed under military law. Subscriptions are rushing in from all sources. Several hundred Turks applied to be sent to the fighting line.

(Scripps News Association.) NOBLE DECLINES. WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—Alfred Noble of the Pennsylvania railway has declined a place on the Panama canal commission.

(Scripps News Association.) BERRYS MADE THREATS. NORTON, Kan., Feb. 24.—Today's session of the Dewey trial was devoted by the defense to showing that the Berrys made frequent threats against the Deweys.

(Scripps News Association.) MINISTERS QUIET. The ministers vice committee was quiescent today. No meetings were held owing to the absence of several members from the city.

(Scripps News Association.) WEEDING WOMAN IS ON TRIAL. Bulletin—3 p. m.—The jury has found Mamie Tryce not guilty.

(Scripps News Association.) The case of the state against Mamie Tryce on the charge of being a procurer went to the jury this afternoon in Judge Richardson's court. The Tryce woman appeared worn out this morning, and the story of a sleepless night was plainly written on her face. She clearly recognizes her position and the thought of a possible term in the state's prison drives her to tears many times during the day. When the jury passed her this morning on their way to their seats she looked each one in the eye, and to each she gave a mute appeal for mercy. Dismissal Refused.

(Scripps News Association.) At the opening of the court this morning, Judge Richardson refused to grant a dismissal. Her attorneys, Sullivan and Nuzum, are making a hard fight to save her from prison. Their contention is that the defendant was only taking the girls to a dance hall and not to a house of ill fame. It is doubtful if the case against Hendrickson, who is charged jointly with the Tryce woman, can be tried at this time, as all of the jurors have heard the testimony in the case now on trial.

(Scripps News Association.) Lawyers Growl. In the argument this afternoon, Attorney Nuzum said if the prosecuting attorney had done his duty the girl would not have been in the dance hall in the first place. Mr. Poindexter replied and drew a sarcastic picture of Mr. Nuzum as prosecuting attorney, prosecuting this kind of people, who are his chief clients.

(Scripps News Association.) H. W. Collins, the well known banker of Rockford, Wash., is in the city on a business trip. F. C. Ely, a lumberman of Harrison, Idaho, is registered at the Ridpath.

## A Scene in Korea



THE PAVILION OF THE IMPERIAL PALACE AT SEOUL, OVERLOOKING THE FAMOUS LOTUS LAKE.

## HE FINDS HIMSELF WITH TWO WIVES

(Scripps News Association.) MRS. ANNE OGDEN-PENDLETON-PELL, WIFE NO. 1. MRS. HELEN LOUISE GARDNER-PELL, WIFE NO. 2. NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—Most men are satisfied with one wife. Duncan C. Pell, of this city, wealthy and of an aristocratic family, is no exception. But the law says he has two. Any man would be proud of either. But both—that's another question. Some of Pell's friends think it is a joke. Pell doesn't. His sense of humor never has been developed in this vein. Pell and Miss Anne Ogden Pendleton were married at New Brighton in 1890. He fell in love with another woman later. So he secured a divorce



(Scripps News Association.) CHICAGO, Feb. 24.—Fire this afternoon destroyed the Wright livery barn and 10 valuable trotters. John Lion, the manager, is missing. The loss is \$20,000.

(Scripps News Association.) HARRISON ON WITNESS STAND. CHICAGO, Feb. 24.—For the first time since the Haymarket riots the mayor today took the witness stand in a murder case. Harrison gave testimony at the car barn murderers' trial showing the confessions made by Van Dine and Niedemeyer when arrested were voluntarily given.

(Scripps News Association.) BIG BEAT. If you don't get The Press you don't get the war news first. The extra Press, containing the news of the big engagement at Port Arthur, resulting in Japanese loss, was on the street at 11:37 o'clock this morning. The other Spokane afternoon paper did not get out its extra until 12:05. When at last it did appear it had almost identically the same dispatch as published in the Press extra.

(Scripps News Association.) LOVE GREW COLD. Love has grown cold and is now a stranger in the home of Ward N. Marsh and his wife, Alberta Marsh. Mr. Marsh has appended to the divorce court to allow him to separate from her. He says that there is no love between his wife and him. The couple were married in September, 1901, but have drifted apart. Since June of last year they have not lived together. While they were together their lives were unhappy on account of the incompatibility of their temperaments. Judge Kenan must settle it.

## The Press War Map.



(Scripps News Association.) SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 24.—The floods in the north and central portions of the state, the result of the present rainstorm, are assuming serious proportions. The first serious accident due to the situation, occurred last night near Keswick when the Portland Express was caught in a slide. The middle car was nearly buried. Two Japanese were injured. Only the mail, express, baggage and one coach came on. The rest were dug out and sent back to Keswick. The heavy rain continues all along the mountains from Dunsmuir to Placerville. The Floriston paper mill dam on the Central Pacific has gone out. The American river at Auburn is higher than since '02. The track from Marysville to Oroville is under water and no trains are running. The railroad embankments in many places are threatened. The storm may strike southern California tonight.

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