

JAPAN'S FLEET OFF PORT ARTHUR

A General Naval Engagement is Expected to Take Place Almost Any Hour.

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Reported Capture of Three Thousand Russian Troops Not Confirmed—Consolation Rumors.

Tokio, Wednesday, Feb. 10.—The Japanese fleet is still off Port Arthur and advice of a general naval engagement are hourly expected.

The success of Japan on the sea would carry enormous advantage and practically decide the war. On paper the fleets are almost equal, although the Japanese are confident that their personnel is superior. They say that a drawn battle would be really a Japanese victory on account of Russia's lack of facilities to dock and repair her larger craft.

Japan seized Masampho Sunday and dispatched a heavy force there. She will fortify the port and establish a naval and military base. Masampho is an exceedingly important point, as it controls the Korean channel and is an excellent base for future operations. A dispatch from Chee Foo says that upon the withdrawal of the Japanese rifleman from St. Petersburg the Japanese fleet and transports at once proceeded to Masampho. After being occupied the fleet sailed for Port Arthur.

The rest of the Japanese ships are guarding northern Japan, fearing that Russia might land a force from Vladivostok and for the further purpose of preventing four Russian cruisers from joining the Russian fleet at Port Arthur.

Other Japanese war vessels are aiming to intercept Russian vessels coming from Singapore.

REPORTED CAPTURE OF RUSSIAN TROOPS.

London, Feb. 10.—A meager and unconfirmed dispatch from Tokio stating that three transports of the Russian volunteer fleet, carrying about 2,000 troops, had been captured by the Japanese off the Korean coast, and cablegrams giving additional details of the sea fights of Monday, comprised the active war news received up to a late hour this afternoon. Rumors of battles both on land and sea sufficed to keep excitement at fever heat.

In St. Petersburg and throughout the empire of the czar all the country is said to be aflame with patriotism and every Muscovite from end to end of the Russian possessions is said to be willing and eager to enter the ranks of the army.

Early in the day the czar affixed his signature to a formal declaration of war. It is an attempt to offset the effect of the naval reverses at Port Arthur and Chemulpo some of the newspapers issued extras claiming a Russian victory at Port Arthur. "Three Japanese warships and four torpedo boats," read the extras, "are reported to have been seriously crippled. One report says the Japanese battleship Cephina was sunk. The people are demonstrating."

There is no official confirmation of the report. This evening a demand was made upon the editors for the source of their information. They replied: "It came from the British embassy."

These reports were received everywhere with manifestations of joy, but nothing confirming them has come from Victory Alexieff.

The only additional evidence the victory has sent is the names of the wounded officers, among whom were Lieut. Col. Zalotchkovsky of the artillery corps, who was on board the transport Angora, and a midshipman on board the battleship Chibuk.

The following story of the engagement at Chemulpo was received by the Japanese minister today. It is under date of Tokio, and reads:

The Japanese admiral, on arriving at Chemulpo, Korea, sent in word to the two Russian cruisers, Varig and Korfetz, giving them a time limit in which to leave. Shortly afterward the Russians came out and attacked a Japanese torpedo boat, which replied with a torpedo, ineffectively.

A general exchange of shots then followed. After a hot fire, the Russians returned to Chemulpo and sank at the bottom of the harbor.

It is not yet known whether their sinking was due to the Japanese fire or to the Russians' own action, but it is believed to be due to the former. The crews of both Russian vessels sought refuge on a French warship at Chemulpo. There were no casualties among the Japanese, and their vessels sustained no damage.

According to the official advice received by Baron Hayashi, four battalions of Japanese troops have, up

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to the present, been landed at Chemulpo, Korea.

A dispatch from Vladivostok says private telegrams received there report the complete rout of the Japanese by the Russians on the Yalu river.

These advices also claim that Chemulpo, Korea, has been occupied by Russian soldiers and marines.

CZAR CREATES OFFICES.

He Promotes Senior Cadets of The Naval Academy.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 10.—There was a great scene at the naval academy today when the czar personally advanced the senior class to the rank of officers.

The czar who wore an admiral's uniform, in addressing the cadets, said: "You are aware, gentlemen, that two days ago war was declared upon us. The innocent foe came by night and attacked our stronghold and fleet. Russia now needs her navy as well as her army. I have come today to promote you to the rank of midshipmen. I am confident that like your revered predecessors, Admirals Chichagov, Lazareff, Nakhimoff, Korniloff and others, you will work for the welfare and glory of our fatherland and devote all your energy to the fleet over which flies the flag of St. Andrew."

After his majesty's departure the newly promoted officers hired sleighs and drove up and down the quay fronting the winter harbor. Only in their black tunics, unmindful of the bitter cold, and shouting wild hurrahs. Grave visaged generals carried away by emotion, saluted the youngsters, whom only now were that their service uniforms were not ready, so as to permit of their departure for the front east today. Prices on the bourse today rallied slightly.

Russians Leave for China.

New York, Feb. 11.—Several Russians are leaving by the German mail steamer Gera for China, says a Herald dispatch from Nagasaki.

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Russian Boats Enter Suez Canal

Port Said, Feb. 11.—The Russian transport Smolensk and one torpedo boat have entered the Suez canal.

Chili Sends Ship to Orient.

New York, Feb. 11.—The Chilean training ship General Buequendo, now cruising in Italian waters, has been ordered, says a Herald dispatch from Valparaiso, to proceed to the far east.

The Liguria Goes to Japan.

New York, Feb. 11.—The Italian cruiser Liguria, with the Duke of Abruzzi on board, will start directly from Buenos Ayres, Argentina, to Japan, cables the Herald's correspondent at Valparaiso the Chile. It had been expected that the vessel would visit Chilean ports.

Port Arthur Demoralized.

London, Feb. 11.—In a dispatch from Chemo, dated Feb. 10, a correspondent of the Daily Mail says:

"A northeast gale, which is raging here, bodes no good to the Russian crippled ships."

"Complete demoralization reigns at Port Arthur."

Admiral received here from Kwantung, Manchuria, say that 10,000 armed Chinese, unofficially recognized as government troops, are operating in the district and are expected to attack the road guards when they hear of the Russian disaster."

Kurino Leaves St. Petersburg.

London, Feb. 10.—A dispatch to Reuters' Telegram company from St. Petersburg says that Mr. Kurino, the Russian minister to Russia, and his staff have left for Berlin. There was a large crowd at the station when the party boarded the train. There was no hostile demonstration.

Mr. Kurino walked slowly to the train, holding in his hand a bouquet of roses which had been presented to him by Mrs. McCormick, wife of the American ambassador.

As the train drew out of the station there were a few cheers and cries of "Long live Nicholas."

RUSSIA IS WAITING.

She is Anxious to Get a Chance At the Japanese on Land.

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Japanese Make Several Unsuccessful Attempts to Land Men Near Port Arthur.

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MANCHURIAN RAILWAY BLOCKED.

London, Feb. 11.—A special dispatch from Tien Tsin confirms the report that the Manchurian railroad has been blocked by the blowing up of a bridge on the line and that 30 Russians were killed in the explosion.

It is reported, the dispatch adds, that the Russian steamers Nonni and the Mukden, belonging to the Chinese Eastern railway company have been captured by the Japanese.

A special dispatch from Port Arthur says the Japanese fleet attempted Wednesday to land men in several bays in the neighborhood of Port Arthur under the protection of the guns of the cruisers. It is asserted, however, that all the attempts were unsuccessful.

JAPANESE TROOPS IN SEOUL.

London, Feb. 11.—Special dispatches from Tokio this morning announce the arrival of Japanese troops at Seoul, but beyond this the dispatches published in the newspapers add practically nothing to the knowledge of the actual situation.

The Tien Tsin correspondent of the Standard sends in a report that the Russians have massacred 100 Chinese at Liaoyang, in consequence of which the officials at Sanhaikwan are greatly alarmed and are appealing to Peking for protection.

Other dispatches from Tien Tsin say that 400 French troops have been ordered from there to Seoul for the protection of the French legation at the Korean capital, the emperor having taken refuge there. These reports lack confirmation.

The correspondent of the Daily Mail at Tien Tsin says that Li, the favorite court official of the dowager empress of China, has been driven away and beheaded by order of Yuan Shi Kai, commander in chief of the Chinese army and navy. Li was pro-Russian in his feelings.

The Chefoo correspondent of the Daily Express asserts that the Russian cruiser Diana was injured by a shot from the Russian shore battery at Port Arthur, and that the cruiser Novik and the battleship Poltava have also been beached at Port Arthur.

Special dispatches from Tokio report that fugitives from Vladivostok accuse the Russians of openly looting Japanese houses there without interference by the police.

JAPANESE REJOICE.

Tokio, Feb. 10.—Undaunted by the absence of official confirmations, Japan is rejoicing over a great naval victory at Port Arthur Tuesday.

Early today came a cable report from the Japanese consul at Chefoo saying that early Monday the Japanese torpedobots destroyed three large Russian warships off Port Arthur.

Thereafter Admiral Togo's fleet of 16 warships attacked the entire Russian fleet remaining off the fort. The consuls were unable to give the result of the engagement, but said that when the scene of action all of the Japanese warships were preserving their alignment and fighting vigorously and steadily, and apparently uninjured. The newspapers here published extra editions containing news of the battle, and produced the first popular demonstration of the war.

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Mail Steamer Destroyed.

London, Feb. 11.—Lloyd's agent at Shanghai, cabling under date of yesterday, says it is reported and generally believed that a Japanese warship has destroyed the Russian mail steamer Mongolia, bound from Shanghai for Dalny. The cablegram adds that the three Russian warships damaged by torpedoes at Port Arthur sank.

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