A Fresh Account Giving Details Heretofore Unknown and Deeply Interesting.

OFF CHEMULPO.

THE BATTLE

RUSSIANS BADLY DAMAGED.

Eleven Ships Struck During Engagement of Wednesday, Necessitating Extensive Repairs.

Seoul, Friday, Feb. 12 .- The following account of the battle off Chemulpo, which resulted in the loss of the Russian cruiser Variag and the gunboat Korietz, has reached here:

During the night of Feb. 8 the Japanese landed 1,300 men at Chemulpo, and on the morning of the 9th three Japanese cruisers, four gunboats and eight torpedo boat destroyers under command of Admiral Uriu approached the harbor but did not enter. The Korietz and Variag were lying in the harbor. The Japanese admiral gave them until noon to come out. Both Russian vessels cleared for action. All the shipping in the harbor was notified by Admiral Uriu to get out of the firing line.

There was in the harbor also the British cruiser Talbot, the French cruiser Pascal, the Italian cruiser Elba and the United States gunboat Vicksburg. All were active. The Variag signaled the Talbot and a boat from the British cruiser went on board. Shortly after-wards the Variag and Korietz got under way and steamed out of the harbor. The crew of the English warship cheered them as they went out to fight. When the Russians were four miles out the Japanese threw a shot across their bows but they did not stop. The Japanese lay between the islands 10 miles out blocking the only entrance to their bows but they did not stop. The Japanese lay between the islands 10 and as often revoked, she was allowed to sail Feb. 14. The Russian authori-ties supplied her Japanese passengers with rice, but paid no attention to a signal for a fresh supply of water. It is stated that the European residents



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The cruiser Novik was the only vessel to do effective work. She gave chase to the Japanese torpedo boats and according to the Russian account sank two and captured one. The Wenchow had 400 Japanese refugees on board and there was an exciting time during the battle of Wednesday, as shells fell all around the Wenchow. After sev-eral orders were given her to leave port



Throughout Great Britain There Is Intense Satisfaction Over Operations.

Germany is Correctly Neutral but Her Sympathies Are Decidedly Pro Russian.

FRANCE STRONCLY FOR RUSSIA.

London, Feb. 13 .- The end of the first week of the Russo-Japanese war brings intense satisfaction in Great Britain, and the extent of the popular jubilation finds no adequate expression in the London press, which is careful not to offend Russia.

From the point of view of the man in the street, Great Britain's far eastern ally has exceeded all expectations, and even the naval and military officers who prophesied initial successes for Japan are surprised.

The total or partial disablement of nine Russian war vessels in the opening week of the struggle is generally considered by experts here as giving Japan control of the far eastern seas. Countless deductions, both military and naval, are drawn publicly and privately from the dramatic events which have occurred since Monday, and all the inherent naval interest pervading the United Kingdom has been stirred to its depths by the duel between Vice-roy Alexieff and Admiral Togo. If the British themselvces had been involved in the movements of the opposing fleets they could scarcely have followed them

with keener zest. What strikes those responsible for the naval policy of Great Britain as most remarkable is the extraordinary disproportion between the loss inflicted and the loss sustained by Japan.

gains control of the seas without the

that Russia took possession of this place. Germany recognizes also that other powers have cause for complaint in that Russia did not keep her prom-ise to evacuate Manchurla, and that ise to evacuate Manchurla, and that among these powers is Germany, which holds opinions identical with those of the United States concerning the "open door." The foreign office has this week expressed this view to the state department, at Washington, but be-yond these considerations, there are, ac-ording to a very bird German official cording to a very high German official, greater considerations of statesmanship which prompt Germany to withhold its sympathy from Japan and to hope that Russia will not be vanquished.

was advised to give up Port Arthur and

Japanese victory is believed by this official to mean that Japanese influence would be supreme in China, and that the cry would go up, "Asia for the Asiatics." He believes also that, territorially and economically, Great Brit-ain, Germany and the United States would, in the event of Japan's winning, be expelled from the east. In Ger-many there is foreseen a state of affairs when Japan shall have trained several million Chinese as soldiers and sailors and inspired them as Gordon's "ever victorious" army was inspired by successful and thoughtful leadership. The" yellow peril" is a conviction in Germany, and Germans readily accept the view of Russia that to give Japan equal rights to enter and settle Manchuria and to cross the 3,000 miles of frontier separating China from Russia might turn western civilization back upon the Ural mountains.

Port Arthur Sealed Up.

L mdon, Feb. 15 .- The Times Tokio correspondent, cabling under date of Feb. 12, says:

"It is said that the Japanese squad-

The said that the Japanese square ron has sealed Port Arthur." A Wei Hai Wei correspondent says that on the morning of Feb. 10 the Japanese occupied Ching-Haia-Wen, a Russiana coaling staation, close to Masampho.

Passengers who have arrived at Chefoo from Port Arthur say the Russian cruiser Askold was damaged in Tues-day's battle in the roads outside of Port Arthur, but was kept afloat all Saturday, when it sank in 39 fathoms.

Port Arthur Refugees.

London, Feb. 14.-A cablegram from Chefoo, under date of Feb. 11, says: The steamer Chefoo arrived here to-day from Port Arthur with a large number of refugees, consisting mostly of Chinese, but also a few Europeans. The reported land fight between Dalny and Port Arthur Tuesday morn-ing is not confirmed by those who came

from Port Arthur. After the attack on Port Arthur Tuesday the Japanese fleet did not re-turn. During the engagement about 30 shells struck the town. One landed on the main street and broke windows

leaving town on every train.

mit her departure.

The Pleiades Gets Away.

Boston, Feb. 14 .-- Word was received

here today that the Boston Steamship company's steamer Pleiades had got

away from Port Arthur, where it is be-lieved she was detained for a week or more, first by the wrecks of the Russian

warships, which blockaded the exits from the harbor, and later by the re-fusal of the Russian autorities to per-

Alfred Winson, president of the com-

cany, received a cablegram today con-veying the information that the Plei-

ides had been released and had arrived

blegram was presumably from the com-

pany's agents at Hongkong. He had For heard anything as yet from the state departament at Washington, to which the owners of the steamer had

Russian Squadron.

San Francisco, Feb. 14 .- An Asso-

at Chefoo, China, on Saturday, Mr. Winsor said tonight that the ca-

appealed to secure her release.



JAPANESE.

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denvor to block the way and force an engagement. The Japanese government has de-cided to accept the parole of France for the Russian prisoners captured at Che-muipo at the time of the sinking of the Variag and Korietz, provided they be sent to Shanghai. Russia engages not to let them come north of Shanghai un-til the end of the war. An exception is made in the case of 29 wounded aboard the French steamer Pascal. They will be taken to Chefoo and placed in a hospital.

Robberies on the Riviera.

New York, Feb. 15.-Robberles of wealthy visitors to the Riviera are rife and apparently are the work of a daring band of well organized thieves, says a dispatch to the American from Mentone, France. A wealthy American widow re-ports having been robbed at her hotel of jewels valued at \$20,000. An English woman on her way back from Monte-Carlo lost \$2,000, which she had won from the bank.

To Preserve China's Entity.

Tokio, Saturday, Feb. 13.—United States Minister Griscom called on Premier Komura last night and an ex-



there is danger of a conflict. It is also feared that if the north of China is included in the sphere of operations it will be impossible to prevent disorder and uprisings as a blind for attacks on

Seoul is Anti-Russian.

all foreigners.

Seoul, Feb. 14.-The Japanese minister seoul, Fon Re-The Japanese ministe has advised the emperor of Korea to ar-rest Yi Qong Ik, who has been a practi-cal dictator and who was very friendly to Fussia until there was danger of Japanese predominance. Two thousand Russians have arrived at Kapsad, at the healwaters of the Yalu river. The Japanese are con-



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VIEW OF PORT ARTHUR SHOWING POSITION OF THE RUSSIAN VESSELS SUBSEQUENT TO THE NIGHT ATTACK OF THE JAPANESE TORPEDO FLOTILLA AND DURING THE DAY BATTLE WITH THE JAPANESE FLEET.

The illustration shows the disposition of the Japanese and Russian vessels when the well planned double attack of the Japanese was made at Port Arthur. It was evidently the purpose of the Japs to coax the Russian vessels out into the open sea, where they would have been without the assistance of the fire from the forts, but the czar's officers, having had a taste of the Japs' mettle when their torpedo boats, a few hours before, put several vessels out of commission, preferred to remain close under the guns of the fortresses on the hill.

Then the Variag turned at right angles 1 to the westward and steamed a short distance as if to make the beach, but was seen to suddenly turn again east was seen to suddenly turn again east and give the enemy her other broadside. The Japanese continued firing until 12:22 when the Variag was seen to be on fire near the stern. The Russian vessels then turned back toward the harbor and ceased firing at 12:42 p. m. The Japanese followed almost to the entrance of the harbor, firing on the Variag, which had a heavy list to port and was evidently in a sinking condi-tion. The Korietz was practically untouched. The Variag lost 30 men and seven officers killed and 42 wounded. Count Muro was killed on the bridge. About 600 shots were fired in all but the firing was not very accurate and the Variag was hit in only six places. One shot which struck her on the water line amidships wrecked one of her en-gines. When the Russians anchored off the entrance to the harbor, the British cruiser sent four hospital boats on board with a doctor and nurse. The U. S. gunboat Vicksburg also sent three boats with surgical assistance.

The Korietz was abandoned at 3:30 p. m., her crew going on board the Pas-cal, and at 3:57 p. m. she blew up with a terrific explosion. The Variag was abandoned soon after, her officers deeming her situation hopeless. Her dead were left on board. The crew of the Variag went on board the Talbot, and Pascal and the Elba. Some also went to the Vicksburg. The Variag burned until 6 p. m. with frequent ex-plosions as the flames ignited her amnumition. She sank turning over to port as she went down. The Russians eventually went from the Pascal to the steamship Sungali. A Russian officer told the captain of the Vicksburg that e had come to ask asylum for one night only.

The Japanese casualties are not known but it is rumored that one torpedo boat destroyer was sunk during the action

RUSSIAN SHIPS STRUCK.

Cheefco, Feb. 15 .- The steamer Wen. chow, arriving from Port Arthur re-ports that 11 Russian ships were struck in Wednesday's engagement. It is stated that the cruiser Askold with a big hole at the waterline has been towed into the inner basin and beached. The battleship Sevastopol has a shell hole just above the waterline and is useless in rough weather. The cruiser Novik has a hole in her after port side. The battleship Retvizan is on the beach and her bottom has fallen out. The cruiser Pallada was torpedoed abaft the engine room. The battleship Cesar. evitch which was also torpedoed, has been docked. The others were chiefly damaged in their upper works. The whole fleet has been taken into the inner harbor and Port Arthur is depending for protection on her forts, which have been reinforced. There is fre-quent firing which is presumably drawn by Japanese torpedo boats. Firdrawn by Japanese torpedo boats. Fir-ing was heard at midnight Feb. 11 at intervals, also on the night of the 12th and 13th. On Feb. 14 the firing con-tinued until 5 o'clock in the afternoon. An eye witness claims to have seen 15 dead landed from the Russelan ships Wednesday. It is understood that Admiral Stark has been reduced for his failure to repulse the Japanese attack.

of Port Arthur have been reassured but that the Chinese are making frantic efforts to get away. Reports of Russian victories are, it is said, being circulated to buoy up the hopes of is apparent that residents. 1t Russians have for the present decided not to use their fleet but to depend on the land forces. Eleven ships will, it is stated, have to be repaired before she can take the aggressive on sea. The captain of the Wenchow reports

that he was held at Port Arthur until all the Japanese in the vicinity were gathered and placed aboard. Japanese were brought from points as far away as Harbin. A few Japanese are left in Manchuria. The refugees left their homes and stores, in many instances losing thousands of dollars. Several Japanese have been arrested

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in every house. Others struck chiefly vessel and only loss of a single war four men killed, high naval and mili-tary officials in London openly confess on the hills among small houses and one of them killed a woman and a child. The people are panic-sticken and are that they are amazed. Putting Japan's experience during the past week side by side with the results of the American engagements against the Spanish navy, the authorities here have come to the important conclusion that the efficiency of the navy person-nel possesses an infinitely greater value over the material at hand than has

ever before been attributed to it.

FRANCE STRONG FOR RUSSIA. Paris, Feb. 13 .- One of the most notable features of the first week of the war has been the steady increase of sentiment here favoring giving Rus-sia every possible moral and sympathetic support. At the outset the French officials and

public generally maintained that the interests of France demanded that she keep clear of the possibility of any war entanglements growing out of the Franco-Russian alliance. This led some newspapers to assert that France was placing self interest before duty and deserting her best friend in the hour of createst neeed.

A gradual reaction has occurred, un-til today official and public feeling runs strongly in favor of strengthening Russia in every way short of actual par-ticipation in war.

San Francisco, Feb. 14.—An Asso-ciated Press correspondent, cabling from Tokio, Feb. 12, says: The presence of Russian squadrons in nothern Japanese waters centers all interest there. The country is isolated and it is difficult to obtain satisfactory reports from there. A variety of ru-mors stirs Tokio. One says Matsumaye has been bom-barded; another, that the Japanese cruisers have engaged the Russians. The government has not confirmed any-thing except the Sensho Maru incident. It is doubted that Matsumaye has been bombarded, because it is undefended. It is regarded as probable that the Russian fleet either returned to Viali-vostock after completing a movement planned to divert the Japanese or else passed through the Tsugaru straits, moving south. It was thought that the large Drey-fus element would antagonize Russia, owing to the latter's attitude toward the Jews, but, on the contrary, Joseph Reinach, the friend and biographer of Dreyfus, has published a letter declar-ing that the honor and interest of France command her to affirm her sympathy for Russia and to loyally old up the alliance.

However, French feeling, which is usually demonstrative, has not shown any wild enthusiasm in behalf of Russta. This is in rather marked contrast with the uproarious manifestations at the time of the czar's visit to Paris and other recent events.

Two popular subscriptions have been opened for the wounded, one by the Russo-Chinese bank and the other by French newspaper met. The Russia, ambassador, M. Nelidoff headed the former with a subscription of \$100. Many individuals are showing personal sympathy and are offering their ser-vices. The Russian embassy is receiv-

ing about a hundred offers daily. Great interest is manifested here in the part Prince Louis Napoleon and Prince Jamie de Bourbon are taking in the military service of Russia.

GERMANY PRO-RUSSIAN. Berlin, Feb, 13 .- The position of the German government respecting the Russo-Japanese war is well defined. It is exact neutrality in act, but in senti-ment it is sympathetic toward Russian

predominance in China rather than Japanese predominance there, The common talk in ministerial quar-ters is that this is not a simple con-test for territory in Korea or Manchu-ria, but rather a combat of civilization and of race ideals, and if one must choose between the white and the yel-low, Germany stands by the white.

The government here is conscious that Russia has not acted wisely and that Japan has sufficient reasons for making war, and especially that after the Chino-Japanese war in 1894 Japan

first, while others have occasional spells or are uncomfortable, restless, nervous and half sick all the time from the nagging aches and pains. Rheumatism is a disagreeable companion even in its mildest form. It grows worse as we grow older, and frequently stiffens the joints, draws the muscles out of shape and breaks down the nervous system. A disease that originates in the blood, as Rheumatism

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