

terwards the Japanese destroyers and torpedo flotillas delivered a series of attacks. The Japanese fleet withdraw during the night. A guardship sta-tioned off the harbor reported that she saw at dawn today the batleships Ret-vizan and Pobleda steaming toward the harbor of Port Arthur. Admiral Togo has not yet reported the results of yesterday's engagement. It is thought here that the Russians attempted to es-cape seaward, from a base which is no cape seaward, from a base which is no longer tenable but that they again re-fused to attempt to force Admiral Togo's lines. Details are expected hour-

MATTERS AT PORT ARTHUR.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 11 .- An interest. ing letter written by the railway sta-tion master at Port Arthur was brought to Liao Yang by a railway employe Aug. 5. There was no indication as to how long it had been in transit from the besieged town. The letter says: "We are running six trains daily, besides specials, mostly conveying troops to and from positions. We have 25 versts (16½ miles) of railway under

WATERS OF THE COLUMBIA.

Oregon and Washington Disputing as to the Right to Them.

Astoria, Or, Aug. 11.—Suit which will probably definitely settle the question of jurisdiction of the states of Oregon and Washington over the waters of the Columbia river was begun here today wandusen. The fish warden caused the arrest of Alexander Grant, owner of the forngue Poliat seining ground, who was perating on the ground under a li-cense issued by the Washington fish commissioner. Grant refused to take ommissioner. Grant refused to take the Utles to their seining grounds are feared from both suites. The boun-dry line between the states has never been settled upon, each state claiming oncurrent jurisdiction to the shore of the other state. Upon this question Astoria, Or., Aug. 11.-Suit which will

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