

## THE COMING NAVAL BATTLE

English Experts' View of the Chance of the Rival Fleets.

COMMENTING upon the situation in the far east an English expert says in the London Daily Mail:

The fact that the battle fleet, under Admiral Rodjestvensky's orders passed Singapore renders it now certain that the Russian government is determined to stake the fate of Asia upon a naval battle. A hundred years after Trafalgar two fleets are once more to meet in mortal combat under conditions strangely resembling those of the Trafalgar campaign. And upon the issue of the encounter depends not only the destiny of Japan, but also that of the British empire.

In material strength, Admiral Rodjestvensky has a slight margin of superiority. He has with him no fewer than seven battleships, five of which are of the first class and two of the second. The five first class battleships are very formidable units, extremely well designed, well armed, and well protected. They normally steam 18 knots, but since they have been so long in tropical waters their bottoms must be foul, even though attempts have been made to clean them with the help of divers. Their sea speed must thus be placed at about 15 to 16 knots under the most favorable conditions, and they will burn a great deal of coal even when running at their lowest and most economical speed.

## THE RUSSIAN SPEED.

The two other battleships are older, less seaworthy, and smaller ships, but are still fair fighting units, though their speed under the most favorable conditions does not probably much exceed 13 knots. The battle-squadron of the Baltic fleet has thus as a united body a speed of 13 knots, since the pace of the fastest ships must be regulated by that of the slowest in line.

Besides the battleships there are three 24-knot cruisers, which through fouling of hull are actually only about 20 knots, and five other cruisers built for war purposes, with seven destroyers and a host of transports, colliers, and armed liners purchased from Germany. The weakest point of the Russian fleet is in its torpedo flotilla; its strongest point is in its fleet of submarines, which, if skillfully handled, should be capable of great things. It must be said here that the strength of the fleet has been completely underestimated in England, where the idea of coal even when running at their lowest and most economical speed.

The artillery mounted is powerful. Experience in the far east has shown that the gun is the most important factor in the 12-inch weapon. The Russian ships carry 24 of these, with four 16-inch and two modern 5-inch. If we count the 12-inch guns, which will certainly attempt to combine their movements with those of the Baltic fleet, these consist of three cruisers, two of them armored, mounting eight 5-inch guns and a number of smaller weapons.

The Japanese fleet which has to encounter this great armada numbers only four first class battleships. It has suffered heavily through the misadventure of war and through the action of the Russians in laying mines in the open sea, on the highway of the nations. The four big battleships, however, are excellent units, and are now in perfect condition. As a squadron they steam 18 to 19 knots, so that they are three or four knots faster than the Russian battleships, and can decide whether or not to fight and at what range. They are supported by the eight superb armored cruisers, all good for 18 knots at sea, and protected by strong armor on the water line. The total number of heavy guns mounted in the Japanese armored ships is 16 12-inch, one 16-inch, and 31 5-inch. In the heaviest type of gun the Japanese navy is thus outclassed, but in guns of medium power it has a distinct advantage.

In the second line the Japanese have one old battleship of some value, the Chin Yen, carrying four old-fashioned 12-inch guns, 16 protected cruisers, two of which are good for 18 knots, 22 destroyers, 16 modern torpedo-boats, and a number of auxiliary craft.

In training and shooting the Japanese are far superior, but it must not be forgotten that, by the direct assistance of France, Admiral Rodjestvensky has been able to give his crews six months of training at sea, in the waters round Madagascar, during which time his gunners have had continuous target practice. The fleet has acquired discipline and cohesion, and is far more formidable than it was when it started.

## NO MAN CAN FORETELL.

To attack such a fleet what are the right tactics, remembering the force available on either side? Not to risk everything on a pitched battle at the start, for as both Nelson and Napoleon have said, "No man can foretell the fate of a battle." Not to give away a single advantage, but to make sure that every factor, geographical and military, in

favor of Japan is utilized to the utmost. Now the great advantages which Japan holds are geographical position, the ability of communicating with her fighting forces when the Russians move through the Formosa channel, and the power of effecting repairs if actions are fought within reach of her shores and ports. These must be used to the utmost.

If so her weapons will not meet the Baltic fleet with their heavy ships till it passes some distance north of Singapore. They will rather attack it with their torpedo flotilla, supported by two fast cruisers and some of the fastest armored cruisers, selecting for their attacks the weak colliers and transports, which will be sunk when encountered. If the Russians move up the Eastern sea, they will have to steam for 1,200 miles within reach of Japanese territory, liable to incessant attack. About 500 miles from Vladivostok they must pass through the Straits of Korea, and there they can be located and met under the most favorable conditions for Japan.

Yet another course has to be faced. Suppose the Russian fleet is not going to Vladivostok, but intends to seize a base either in Chinese territory or among the small islands belonging to Japan between the main archipelago of Nippon and the island of Formosa, the problem will be complicated. There are some signs that such a solution is intended by the Russian admiralty. Or, again, the Russian fleet may once more put into a neutral port, and there wait for the third squadron. This, however, would produce grave complications, as it would be a direct challenge to the Anglo-Japanese alliance and an overt act of war by the neutral against Japan.

In the event of the Russians sailing a base, the Japanese torpedo flotilla would come into play and should be able to do good execution. But some means of sinking powerful ships on the high sea had to be devised if the Japanese are to win. Here the torpedo has conspicuously failed throughout the campaign. No vessel has been sunk by a torpedo alone, and not one has been permanently disabled. It is worth raising the question whether the ram might not be used with greater effect, and whether the Japanese, whose courage and seamanship peculiarly fit them for the employment of this most terrible weapon, would not do well to use some of their faster merchant steamers for this purpose, attacking the heat of the Russian battleships with them. The navy which could face death so fearlessly in the blocking of Port Arthur may be trusted to succeed here if success is possible.

In any case, the British government should make certain that its own naval arrangements are satisfactory, as at any moment dangerous questions may arise. The question which, in 1904, Kaiser Wilhelm put to Kuroki, "Are we quite ready?" must be asked of Admiral Fisher and Lord Cavendish.

H. W. WILSON.

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Of Buying and Selling TO BE Chronicled at Auerbach's Next Week

**MONDAY** Ushers in a Week Without a Parallel During the Season, and we want every customer of this establishment, and as many others as possible, to attend the Special Sales that will begin Monday. A very strong and effective canvas of the New York markets has just been completed by our resident buyers, and thousands of dollars worth of New High Grade Merchandise has been rushed to this store. HERE'S THE BARGAIN NEWS, condensed for busy readers:

## Special!

THERE'LL BE A RUSH FOR THESE SPECIALS

## MONDAY

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## White English Long Cloth!

It Will Pay You to Get Here at 9 o'clock sharp Monday Morning.

100 Bolts White English Long Cloth, 12 yard pieces, channels finished for Underwear, value \$1.50, from 9 to 12 o'clock. Limit two pieces to a customer, at (per bolt)

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Monday Morning, 9 to 12 o'clock.

## TOILET SOAPS

3 BARS FOR 10c.

Don't let the price reflect upon the quality of these soaps. They sell usually at 10c a bar, and are good values at that price, including WITH HAZEL, ROYAL, GLEN-ERINE, HONEY, OATMEAL, and PALM OIL SOAP, all on sale Monday, 9 to 12 o'clock, at—

3 Bars for 10c.

Monday Morning, 9 to 12 o'clock.

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1,500 yards White Soft Finish Habutai Japanese Wash Silk, 27 inches wide. Extra fine quality. Value 60c, on sale from 9 to 12 noon, at (Limit 20 yards to a customer), per yard ..... 39c

Monday Morning, 9 to 12 o'clock.

## At 65c—New House Wrappers

EXTRA SPECIAL—For two hours only, 20 dozen New Jorden Dimple House Wrappers, come in blue, red, gray and black ground, with fancy white figures, ruffle over shoulders, extra large flaring flounce, our regular \$1.00 grade, Monday 9 to 12, Special price ..... 65c

Monday Morning, 9 to 12 o'clock.

## Curtain Special!

\$2.00 Madras Curtains at 80c a Pair. Just stop a moment and Think What This Means.

\$2.00 Madras Curtains at 80c a pair! The Greatest Curtain Bargain we ever advertised! They are the Newest Cross Striped Grenadine Curtains, in either cream, red, green or olive back grounds, with cross stripes of contrasting colors. Curtains that would retail at \$2.00. Special for Monday from 9 to 12 o'clock, at, per pair..... 86c

Monday Morning, 9 to 12 o'clock.

## Boys' Clothing Special!

BOYS' KNEE PANTS—In navy blue Cheviots, linen sewed and tape covered seams, ages 3 to 16 years, regular 50c values. Special Sale price for three hours only, at 85c, or three for ..... 1.00

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This season gains friends daily. The prices and styles were never so tempting. Buyers who are susceptible to the influence of real economy respond quickly. Read our clothing news today.

BOYS' KNEE PANT SUITS, in mixed tweeds and chevrons, ages 3 to 16 years, worth \$1.99 a leader for this week at ..... \$1.99

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## INFANTS' SHOES.

Soft soles, black or red, worth 40c, sale ..... 19c  
Infants' black dongola, button or lace, hard soles, worth up to 75c, sale price, (sizes 1 to 3) ..... 39c  
Infants' box calf shoe, good shoe for general wear, worth 60c, sale price, (sizes 1 to 3) ..... 64c  
We have a number of broken lines, all styles, worth up to \$1.25 we will close out ..... 89c (Sizes 1 to 5.)

## CHILDREN'S SHOES.

(Sizes 5 to 8.)  
Child's kid shoes, red or black, worth \$1.25, sale ..... 75c  
Child's extension sole shoes, with dongola kid uppers, worth \$1.50, sale ..... \$1.05  
A large lot of sample shoes for children, in fancy colors and patent leathers, worth \$2.00, sale price ..... 98c

Misses' and Children's Shoes.  
Child's kid shoes with extension sole, worth \$1.40, sale price ..... 95c (Sizes 8 1/2 to 11.)  
Child's kid shoes, with light soles, worth \$1.75, sale price ..... \$1.25 (Sizes 8 1/2 to 11.)  
Misses' kid shoes, with light soles, worth \$2.50, sale price ..... 1.50 (Sizes 1 1/2 to 2, narrow widths.)

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## LADIES' SHOES.

We have a number of lines of ladies' high grade dress and street shoes, made by the well known Drew Selby & Co. P. Ford shoe people, patent leather and velvety kid, worth up to \$4.00. We will sell any pair this week at ..... \$3.75

We also have our \$4.00 and \$4.50 shoes on sale this week at ..... \$2.85

IT WILL CERTAINLY PAY YOU TO VISIT OUR SHOE DEPARTMENT THIS WEEK AND LOOK OVER OUR BARGAIN TABLES, AS WE HAVE THE "HANDS OF BARGAINS" THAT ARE NOT ADVERTISED.

MANY GREAT OFFERS IN THE SHOE WINDOW.

## LITTLE GENTS' SHOES.

Little boys' satin calf shoe, a good solid shoe for school wear, (sizes 8 to 13 1/2) ..... 98c  
Little boys' seamless shoe, "will never rip," (sizes 8 to 13 1/2) sale price ..... \$1.10  
Little boys' dress shoe, patent tip, a very stylish shoe, (sizes 8 to 13 1/2), go ..... \$1.45

## YOUTH'S SHOES.

Youth's calf shoe, with heavy sole and heel, (sizes 1 to 7), sale price for one week, ..... \$1.10  
Youth's solid box calf seamless shoe, a shoe that will not rip. Just what the boy wants for vacation. Sale price ..... \$1.35

## BOYS' SHOES.

Boys' satin calf shoes, heavy sole and heel, a shoe for wear, (sizes 2 1/2 to 6 1/2) ..... \$1.35  
Boys' box calf seamless shoe, made for solid wear (sizes 2 1/2 to 6 1/2) sale price ..... \$1.55

## SLIPPERS.

Ladies' light strap, patent leather or velvety kid sandals, worth \$4.00, go this week ..... \$3.45  
Ladies' fancy beaded evening or party slippers, ..... \$2.55

All ladies', men's boys, youths, misses and children's slippers and oxford go at sacrifice prices for this week.

## Unprecedented Reductions

To realize how profitable an opportunity this offering really is, you must come and examine the excellent styles and qualities these low prices will buy—Yes, come Monday.

Suits that were \$10.00, ..... \$4.95  
are now marked .....  
Suits that were \$12.50, ..... \$6.25  
are now marked .....  
Suits that were \$16.50 ..... \$8.25  
are now marked .....  
Suits that were \$21.00, ..... \$10.50  
are now marked .....  
Suits that were \$26.00, ..... \$13.00  
are now marked .....  
Suits that were \$33.00, ..... \$16.50  
are now marked .....

Suits that were \$37.50, ..... \$18.75  
are now marked .....  
Suits that were \$42.50 ..... \$21.25  
are now marked .....  
Suits that were \$48.00, ..... \$24.00  
are now marked .....  
Suits that were \$52.75, ..... \$26.35  
are now marked .....  
Suits that were \$58.00, ..... \$29.00  
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Suits that were \$67.00, ..... \$33.50  
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From 2 p. m. to 5 p. m. Ladies and Misses' Street Hats in all colors and shapes, worth \$2.25 for..... 73 cts.

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Value \$5.50, on sale, per set, \$3.45.

Value \$6.00, on sale, per set, \$3.90.

Value \$7.00, on sale, per set, \$4.50.

Value \$8.50, on sale, per set, \$6.40.

Value \$10.00, on sale, per set, \$7.20.

Value \$12.50, on sale, per set, \$8.80.

Value \$15.00, on sale, per set, \$9.80.

Value \$18.00, on sale, per set, \$11.00.

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