### RUSSIANS SCORED A GREAT VICTORY.

Japs Tried to Bottle Up Admiral Stark's Fleet and Utterly Failed.

RETVIZAN'S SPLENDID WORK.

First to Observe the Attack-Sank Two Vessels-People of Russia Wild With Joy.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 25,-The Port Arthur correspondent of the Novosti telegraphs that at Port Arthur the Japanaese lost steamers (number not stated) and one torpedo boat.

"At the moment of writing," the correspondent continued, "23 Japanese vessels are visible on the horizon, and cross fire has begun, in which the Russlan cruisers Bayan, Novik and Askold are participating."

ALEXIEFF'S ACCOUNT.

2:45 a. m.-A telegram from Viceroy Alexeiff to the czar says:

"At a quarter before 3 in the morning of Feb. 24, numerous Japanese torpedo boats attempted to attack the battleship Retvizan. The Retvizan was the first to observe the torpedo boats the first to observe the torpedo boats and opened a strong fire on them. She was supported by the land batteries. She also destroyed two Japanese ships near the entrance of the harbor; they were coming directly toward her. One of them went on the rocks near the lighthouse on Tiger peninsula and the other sank under Golden Hill. The Retvizan observed four steamers in a sinking condition and eight torpedo boats departing slowly to rejoin the boats departing slowly to rejoin the waiting Japanese warships. A portion of the crews of the Japanese vessels were drowned. The grounded steamer is still burning.

JAPS SAVED THEMSELVES. The enemy is observed in the offing

of Port Arthur in two lines.
"The Japanese crews saved themselves in boats, and it is possible that some of them were picked up by the enemy's torpedo boats.

"I am proceeding to examine the coasts. The entrance of the harbor is pen. I attribute the complete derangeant action and destructive fire of the Retvizan. Floating mines are still visi-ble in the roadstead. I have recalled the three cruisers sent in pursuit of the enemy, in order, in the first place, to clear the roadstead of floating mines. "We had no losses."

REPORTS OF VICTORY.

2:12 a. m.-Reports of a Russian vic tory at Port Arthur were current late yesterday afternoon and early in the evening, and about midnight seemed to have been definitely con-firmed here, but in the absence of an official announcement, which is mo-mentarily expected, the stories of the dimensions of this victory are conflicting and confusing in character.

IMITATED HOBSON.

most circumstantial report that the Japanese had attempted to bottle up Admiral Stark's fleet in Port Arthur by sinking two stone-laden vessels at the entrance of the harbor, em-ploying the tactics of the United States with the Merrimae at Santiago

during the Spanish-American war. According to this account two Japan ese ships appeared off the harbor, with a Japanese fleet behind them and ostensibly in pursuit. The Russians, how-

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steamed out, sank the stone-laden ves-sels, engaged and defeated the enemy and drove them off. The reports of the loss inflicted, however, are conflicting. All the stories included the feature of the vessels loaded with stones, but ac-cording to some versions the Japanese fleet was convoying transports with the purpose of effecting a landing at Pigeon bay, and, after the failure of this preliminary maneuver the Rus-sians played havoc with both the Jap-anese warships and the transports, sinking four of the former and two of the latter.

One account gives the name of the battleship Retvizan as the vessel which particularly distinguished herself dur-ing the action by ramming and sinking one of the Japanese battleships.

CROWDS GREATLY EXCITED.

Rumors of this victory were spread far and wide over the city during the early part of the evening, and the crowds which had gathered in the streets, in spite of the severe cold, to discuss the news were greatly excited.

One newspaper printed an extra relating the victory, based on a meager telegram from London, but as the night were on without official confirmation the crowds disappeared except from around the newspaper offices. There remained throngs of officers and others who were resolved to await the official announcement.

NEWS OF VICTORY. \*

The news of victory was accompanied by two stories one that after the first decisive Russian victory the emperor would offer peace, and the other that Japan had deposed the emperor of Kor-ea and formally annexed the country. ea and formally annexed the country. Both of these reports are without confirmation, and they are given simply as examples of the stories which floated about in the excited crowds.

Instead of diminishing, the crowds at the admiralty and newspaper and telegraph agency offices kept increasing, and the excitement attained the fever

point when it was known definitely that the emperor had received a telegram giving more details and showing the Russian victory was even greater than at first reported.

Newspaper messengers waited at the admiralty with fast horses, ready to carry away the news which is was known was being prepared.

When the sheets were finally distributed at 2.2% calculated the sheets were finally distributed at 2.2%.

uted at 2:30 o'clock this morning a rush was made for the exits and the assembled officers cheered wildly and repeatedly. The crowd showed no inclination to

disperse, hoping that further news would be received, showing the exact extent of the Russian victory.

It must be observed that in his dispatch Viceroy Alexieff does not mention the number of steamers which the Japanese tried to sink or diversely the state of the party of the anese tried to sink or drive upon the Russian ships, and it is not yet known whether the four vessels the captain of the Retvizan observed going down, in addition to the two destroyed, were also laden with inflammables or whether they were warships.

AMERICAN VESSEL PRAISED.

The greatest praise is given to the commander of the Retvizan, and the ever, suspected a ruse and their ships | splendid action of this American-built Viceroy Alexieff's dispatch was an amplification of a briefer telegram received by the emperor, but which was

ot given out. Later it was said that Russia sus-Later it was said that Russia sustained no losses in the engagement.

It is evident that Vice Admiral Stark no longer commands the Russian Port Arthur naval forces, Viceroy Alexieff mentioning a temporary commander of the fleet, without giving any names.

Stories to the effect that the Japanese designed an attempt at landing in Pigeon bay the same time that the engagement occurred are not mentioned. gagement occurred are not mentioned in the dispatches, but it is believed these are without foundation.

DISCOUNTING ALEXIEFF'S ACCOUNT.

London, Feb. 24.-Viceroy Alexieff's dispatch to the ezar of Russia, clear-ing up the doubts caused by the senastional versions of the last Port Arthur affair, was received in London too late to be published in the carly editions of the morning papers, but it confirms the opinion, founded upon earlier rumors, that Admiral Togo made a daring attempt to bottle up the Russian fleet at Port Arthur and although Viceroy Alexieff asserts that the entrance to the harbor at Port Art. though Viceroy Alexien asserts that the entrance to the harbor at Port Ar-thur is still free, the fact that Admiral Togo's fleet, minus the vessels injured in the courageous exploit, was soon steaming at full speed on a southeast course from Wei Hai Wei, is inter-

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admiral's satisfaction with the ac- | Port Arthur

complishment of his design.

It is pointed out here that it would be difficult for the Russians in the

darkness of night to ascertain just what

had happened to Japanese vessels or to distinguish between the hulks it was

their intention to sink and torpedo

As two injured vessels were observed steaming slowly away from Port Arthur and as the Japanese fleet was going at full speed off Wei-Hai-Wei, it is presumed that the two injured vessels

might have gone elsewhere to repair.

Another explanation of the incompleteness of Admiral Togo's squadron as seen off Wei-Hai-Wei is that he pos-

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the diplomatic corps here continues firm in the belief that there is no ground for apprehension at present that the war-will extend beyond the two belligerents and Korea.

It will not surprise diplomats convers-

ant with Japan's plans to see an early announcement from Tokio declaring that practically all Korean ports will be opened eventually to the commerce of the world.

RUSSIAN STUDENTS.

Would Make War Occasion to War on Official Russia.

Berlin, Feb. 25 .- A dispatch to the Berlin, Feb. 25.—A dispatch to the Lokal Anzelger from Berne, Switzer-land, says about 400 Russian students of both sexes attending the Berne university held a meeting and adopted resolutions expressing their hope that the revolutionary elements in Russia would mobilize and turn the war against Japan in a war of the masses against official Russia.

The resolutions are concluded with these words: "Down with czarism, Long live international socialism."

#### Skirmishes With Chinese.

London, Feb. 24.—In a dispatch from Chefoo a correspondent of the Daily Mail says that 5,000 Russian troops have moved from Mukden to Hsin Min Ting and that skirmishes are reported between Chinese regulars and Russians 

Battleship Imperator Alexander II.

It is announced from Pekin, this cor-

has

respondent continues, that Paul Las-

offered written assurance that the Rus-

tilities, but Japan has insisted that the

of the Times says the Russian move-ments on the Yalu are not considered

serious in Japan, where the town of Pingyang, Korea, is considered safe.

It is reported that the constant exodus of Chinese coolies from Manchuria, the

Times correspondent goes on to say, is

causing great inconvenience to the

San Domingo Towns Recaptured.

San Domingo, Saturday, Feb. 20 .-

The towns of San Christobal and Bani have been recaptured by forces from

the government gunboat Presidente, Another government force has been

sent to attack the insurgents at San Pedro de Macoris.

tified the government that Washington does not recognize the closing of ports

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ALEXIEFF'S PROCLAMATION. It Notifies the Chinese That Russia is at War With Japan. Yinkow, Feb. 24.—Viceroy Alexieff has caused a proclamation to be issued throughout Manchuria notifying the Chinese that Russia is at war with Ja.

Battleship Navarin.

SECOND DIVISION OF ADMIRAL WRENIUS' FLEET, DESTINED FOR PORT ARTHUR.

Further details of this engagement

from independent sources are awaited with the greatest interest, but it is be-

lived that the reports that Japanese

battlships or transports were sunk

should be taken with a degree of allow-

this morning explains the recent sus-

pension of Japanese naval operations to have been due chiefly to bad

weather pervailing in the Gulf of Pe-Chi-Li, where there have been heavy

The general opinion here is that Admiral Togo after possibly returning to

Japan to make repairs will next devote his attention to the Russian Vladi-

winds, snowstorms and fogs.

vostock squadron.

A dispatch received here from Tokio

pan on account of Japan's treacherous attack on the fleet. This proclamation is under six headings. First-The inhabitants must prevent the encroachment of Chinese on Rus-

Second-Russian and Chinese interests are declared to be identical; but, as China says she wishes to maintain neutrality, therefore all officials in Manchuria, instead of hindering, must assist the Russian army. Third-The people shall continue their occupations, and shall treat the

Russian troops with confidence Fourth—The railroad telegraphs are left to the protection of the people, who will be responsible in case they are in-

The fifth heading warns the people not to obey the threats of the chunchus (bandits), who are the cure of Manchuria, but to assist the troops to exterminate them; if they do not assist in this they also will be treated as rob-

Sixth-If the people antagonize the

troops or show them hatred, they will be exterminated without mercy. The government is taking all steps, in any event, to protect its interests.

The proclamation makes an earnest appeal for the sympathy of the people in the present crisis, when, it says,

'Russia must put her back to the H. B. Miller, United States consul at Newchwang, is increasingly active in his endeavors to protect Japanese refugees, and has made further demands for information as to the whereabouts of refugees. He has made strong representations in the matter of right of search and inspection.

The reorganization of the vice-regal administration is now going forward.

Kuropatkin Leaves for East. Paris, Feb. 24 .- A dispatch to the Figare from St. Petersburg says Gen. Kuropatkin had advanced his depar-ture and will leave for the far east to-

The Korean minister at St. Peters-burg, the correspondent says, has sub-scribed \$25 for the Russian fleet, JAPAN-KOREA TREATY.

Russia Will Absolutely Ignore

It. Washington, Feb. 24.-Russia will ig-Japan's newly negotiated treaty with Korea guaranteeing the indepen-dence and integrity of the hermit king-dom, and has so informed the United States. Japan, it may be stated, assumes practically the same attitude of indifference toward Russia's protest to the powers, which, on high authority it is declared, will be ignored by the Tokio

government.

In diplomatic circles Secy. Hay's announcement of the negotiations of the Japanese-Korean treaty created a sensation. While the treaty, it is said, opens possibilities for new international complications in the far eastern war,

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