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TEN RUSSIAN WARSHIPS PLACED OUT OF ACTION

Summary of Japanese Successes in First 24 Hours of War

3 TRANSPORTS CAPTURED

Besides the Vessels That Were Torpedoed at Port Arthur, the Cruiser Varing and the Cruiser Korielz Were Destroyed at Chemulpo—Japanese Cruisers in the Neighborhood of Fusan, Korea Captured Two Large Russian Steamers—A Dispatch From Tokio Says That Three Russian Transports Having About 2,000 Troops on Board Were Also Captured—The Report of a Russian Victory at Port Arthur, in Which Three Japanese Warships and Four Torpedo Boats Were Destroyed is Generally Discredited—Viceroy Alexieff Has Begun the Mobilization of the Army Reserves in Eastern Asia—A "Supreme Manifest" Has Been Issued by the St. Petersburg Government—Secretary Hay's Effort to Localize the War in a Comparatively Small Area is Successful.

London February 10.—Baron Hayashi, the Japanese minister here, has received official confirmation from Tokio of the destruction at Chemulpo of the Russian first class cruiser Variaz and third class cruiser Korielz.

The text of the official dispatch received by Baron Hayashi is as follows:

"On Monday a Japanese squadron escorting transports met on the way to Chemulpo, Corea, the Russian Gunboat Korielz, as the latter was coming out of port. The Korielz took up an offensive attitude towards the Japanese vessels and fired on the Japanese torpedoboats. The latter discharged two torpedoes ineffectively and then the Korielz returned to her anchorage in the port.

"Early in the morning of Tuesday, Admiral Urik commanding the Japanese squadron formally called on the Russian warships to leave Chemulpo before noon. The admiral added that if his demand was not complied with he would be compelled to attack them in the harbor. The two Russian warships left the port at about 11:30 a. m. and a battle ensued outside the Polynesian islands. After about an hour's engagement, the Russian warships sought refuge among the islands.

Towards the evening the Russian cruiser variag sank and at about 4 a. m. today February 10, the Korielz was reported to have also sunk, having been blown up. The officers and the men of the two sunken vessels sought refuge on the French cruiser Pascal. There were no casualties on the Japanese side."

A summary of losses sustained by Russia in the first twenty four hours of the war with Japan show that ten Russian warships were placed out of action in one way or another and that the Japanese did not lose a ship.

The losses were as follows:

Battleship Retvezan, torpedoed and beached at Port Arthur.

Battleship Czsarevitch, torpedoed and beached at Port Arthur.

Battleship Pollava, hole below waterline, at Port Arthur.

Armored cruiser Bayarin, disabled by Japanese fire, at Port Arthur.

Cruiser Pallada, torpedoed at Port Arthur and beached.

Cruiser Novik, hole below water-line at Port Arthur.

Cruiser Askold, hole below water-line at Port Arthur.

Cruiser Diana, hole below water-line, at Port Arthur.

First class armored cruiser Variaz destroyed at Chemulpo, Korea.

Torpedo gun vessel Korielz, destroyed at Chemulpo.

Damage to the Russian Fleet.

San Francisco, February 10.—A cablegram to The Associated Press from Nagasaki states that the Russian cruiser Variag, which was reported to have been sunk yesterday at Chemulpo by the Japanese fleet was captured and arrived at Sasebo. The dispatch also states that in addition to the Russian vessels damaged in the torpedo attack at Port Arthur, seven other vessels were captured. It is also reported at Nagasaki that General Kuropatkin has arrived at Harbin to take command of the Russian land forces.

Three Russian Transports Captured.

London, February 10.—A special dispatch from Tokio today says the Japanese have captured three Russian transports having on board about 2,000 troops.

Japanese Capture Commercial Steamers.

Tokio, Wednesday, February 10.—The Japanese have captured at least five Russian commercial steamers, including Ekaterintoslav, Moukden, Russia, Argun and Alexander. They were captured by the Japanese in Korean and adjacent waters at various times since Saturday by small cruisers. Some of the steamers are rich prizes. The small steamer Koeik is detained at Yokohama, its status not being clear

TWO STEAMERS CAPTURED.

Reported Arrival at Sasebo of the Ekaterinoslav and the Argun.

Loncon, February 11.—Dispatches to The Daily Mail from Tokio and Nagasaki, dated February 10, report the arrival at Sasebo, Japan, of two large Russian steamers. One is the new volunteer fleet association transport Ekaterinoslav which recently landed troops and arms at Port Arthur and the other is the steamer Argun, belonging to the Chinese Eastern Railways Company. Both were captured by the Japanese cruisers Sai Yan and Hei Yan, in the neighborhood of Fusan, Korea. The Ekaterinoslav is of ten thousand tons displacement and had been fitted up as an auxiliary cruiser. She had thirty rifles on board and was on her way from Vladivostock. The Argun was going to Vladivostock from Nagasaki.

The Russian whalers Giorige, Nicelai, Alexander and Michael, captured by the Japanese, have also arrived at Sasebo.

Japan Seizes Masampho.

Tokio, February 10.—Japan seized Masampho Sunday and dispatched a heavy force there. Japan will fortify the port and establish a naval and military base there. Masampho is an exceedingly important point as it controls the Korean channel and is an excellent base for future operations.

Japanese Troops at Seoul.

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

The Che Foo 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 been beached at Port Arthur.

Mobilizing the Eastern Asia Reserves.

St. Petersburg, February 10.—1 p. m. Viceroy Alexieff began today the mobilization of the army reserves in Eastern Asia.

The publication of extra editions of the newspapers containing accounts of the reported injuries to Japanese ships during the Port Arthur engagements and the sinking of the Japanese battleship Shikishima led to a demand 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 Viceroy Alexieff.

Demoralization at Port Arthur.

London, February 11.—In a dispatch from Che Foo, dated February 10th, a correspondent of The Daily Mail says:

"A northeast gale which is raging here bodes no good to the crippled Russian ships. "Complete demoralization reigns at Port Arthur. Advices received here from Kwang-Ting, Manchuria, say that 10,000 armed Chinese, unofficially recognized as government troops, are operating in the district and are expected to attack the railroad guards when they hear of the Russian disaster."

CZAR DECLARES WAR.

Announcement of the Fact Made Known to Secretary Hay.

Washington, February 10.—Count Cassini, the Russian ambassador, called on Secretary Hay today and left with him the announcement of the Czar declaring war on Japan. It was a dispatch from the Russian foreign office to the ambassador and was substantially as follows:

"During the nights of February 8-9, a detachment of Japanese torpedo boats unexpectedly attacked the Russian squadron lying at anchor in the outer roadstead of Port Arthur. This attack being the beginning of military operations, obliges the imperial government to take immediate measures to reply by armed force to the challenge issued against Russia. Be good enough to inform the government of the United States."

The United States legation at Tokio made two reports today to the state department upon the battles. They related to engagements at Port Arthur and Chemulpo and added nothing to the facts already known.

Formal Declaration of War.

Tokio, Wednesday, February 10.—A formal declaration of war is expected tonight. The proclamation has been prepared and approved by the cabinet. Foreign Minister Komura has gone to the palace to secure the Emperor's approval.

Grounding of a Japanese Cruiser.

London, February 10.—A dispatch to the Central News from Port Arthur says the Japanese fleet returned here Tuesday afternoon and again bombarded the Russian fleet and forts, but that it soon withdrew. The losses to the Russians, the dispatch says, were small. During the firing a Japanese cruiser grounded.

A Reported Russian Victory Discredited.

St. Petersburg, February 10.—Some of the newspapers here printed extras today claiming a Russian victory at Port Arthur. Three Japanese warships and four torpedo boats are reported to have been seriously crippled. One report says the Japanese battleship Shikishma was sunk. The people began demonstrating, but there is no official confirmation of the report and the announcement is discredited.

Russians Route the Japanese.

Vladovostok, February 10.—Private telegrams received' here report the complete route 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.

Movements of the Fleet.

Che Foo, Wednesday, February 10.—Upon the withdrawal of the Japanese minister from St. Petersburg, the Japanese fleet and transports proceeded to Masampho, which was occupied, and the fleet then sailed for Port Arthur. The rest of the Japanese ships are guarding Northern Japan, fearing that Russia might land a force from Vladovostock and for the further purpose of preventing four Russian cruisers from joining the Russian fleet at Port Arthur. Other Japanese war vessels are cruising to intercept Russian vessels coming from Singapore. The Russian battleships damaged at Port Arthur are the Perseviet, Czarevitch and Retvizan. The cruiser Boyarin was beached when the tide was falling and has not been floated and will be damaged as a northeast gale was blowing today. The Japanese fleet has probably retired to Masampho and it is not known whether there was another attack on Tuesday night. General Tchichikoff took command of the Russian troops in Manchuria today.

The Mandjur at Shanghai.

Shanghai, February 10.—The Russian gunboat Mandjur, reported from various sources to be under repairs at Nagaski, Japan, where she is said to have been seized by the Japanese, is in the harbor here. She has had her hull and funnel repainted black and is ready for sea at a moment's notice.

England Wil be Neutral.

London, February 10.—It was announced in the house of commons today that a proclamation of British neutrality will be drawn up at a special cabinet tomorrow and that it will be published shortly afterward.

A SUPREME MANIFEST.

Official Paper Addressed to all the Subjects of the Czar.

St. Petersburg, February 10.—The Official Messenger today contains the following "Supreme Manifest."

"In our solicitude for the maintenance of peace, which is dear to our heart, we made every exertion to continue tranquility in the Far East. In these peaceful aims we signified assent to the proposals of the Japanese government to revise agreements regarding Korean affairs existing between the two governments. However, the negotiations begun upon this subject were not brought to a conclusion and Japan, without awaiting the receipt of the last responsive proposals of our government, declared the negotiations broken off and diplomatic relations with Russia dissolved.

"Without advising us of the fact that the breach of such relations would in itself mean opening of warlike operations, the Japanese government gave orders to its torpedo boats to suddenly attack our squadron standing in the outer harbor of the fortress of Port Arthur. Upon receiving reports from the Viceroy in the Far East about this, we immediately commanded him to answer the Japanese challenge with armed force.

"Making known this, our decision, we, with unshaken faith in the help of the Almighty and with a firm expectation of and reliance upon the unanimous willingness of all our loyal subjects to stand with us in defense of the Fatherland, ask God's blessing upon our stalwart land and naval forces."

To Localize the War.

Washington, February 10.—Having received enough favorable replies to insure the concurrent action of European powers in this endeavor "to localize within as small an area as possible the hostilities in the far east and to insure over as much of China as possible her neutrality." Secretary Hay tonight addressed notes to Russia and Japan inviting the co-operation in this endeavor and announcing that the United States stood stalwartly for this principle. It was known in advance that both the combatant powers desire the localization of the war.

THE TWO NAVIES.

Comparison of Russian and Japanese War Vessels in Asiatic Waters.

JAPAN'S FLEET.

The warships in the Japanese navy are as follows:

Battle Ships, First Class.

Name.	Displacement. Tons.
Mikasa	15,140
Matsusi	15,240
Asahi	15,443
Shikisima	15,066
Yashima	12,517
Tuji	12,649

Battle Ships, Second Class.

Chin Yen	7,335
Tuso	8,777

Armored Cruisers.

Adsuma	9,456
Yakumo	9,800
Iwate	9,906
Idsumo	9,906
Takiwa	9,655
Asama	9,855

Protected Cruisers, Second Class.

Kasagi	4,978
Chitose	4,836
Itsukushinia	4,278
Hashidate	4,278
Matsuhima	4,278
Takasago	4,227
Yoshino	4,225
Namwa	3,709
Takashibo	3,709

Protected Cruisers, Third Class.

Akitsushima	3,172
Idsumi	2,967
Akashi	2,800
Suma	2,700
Chijoda	2,439
Mitaka	3,420
Tsushima	3,420
Otono	3,000

Coast Defense Vessels.

Saiyen	2,481
Hiyei	2,284
Kongo	2,284
Tsukuba	1,978
Takao	1,764
Tanriu	1,647
Katsuraki	1,503
Yamato	1,502
Kannon	1,367
Musashi	1,502

Gunboats, First Class.

Kei Yen	2,185
Tsukushi	1,372

Gunboats, Second Class.

Amaki	926
Banjo	667
Oshima	640
Akagi	622
Atako	622
Mava	622
Chokai	622
Sako	610

Gunboats, second class, old, no fighting value; captured from China; each 447 tons—Chinto, Chinsei, Chinnan, Chinroku, Shincha, Chinpeu.

Dispatch Boats.

Miyako	1,800
Yaveyama	1,609
Chihave	1,250
Tatsuts	865

Torpedo-Boat Destroyers.

Shiskumo	379
Asashio	379
Hamsame	375
Murasame	375
Akatsuki	371
Kasuma	371
Ikatsuchi	371
Inadsuma	311
Okebono	311
Sazanami	311
Oboro	311
Shinonome	279
Murakumo	279
Yugiri	279
Shiramu	279
Kagoro	279
Usugunu	279
Asagiri	380
Hayatori	380

Torpedo-Boat Tenders.

Tohashi	4,120

Torpedo Boats.

12	120-150
26	80- 90
27	40- 65

RUSSIA'S FLEET.

Russian ships in the Far East are as follows:

Battle Ships.

Name.	Displacement. Tons.
Retvisan	12,700
Pobieda	12,700
Porosviet	12,700
Osliabia	12,700
Petropaiovsk	10,960
Poltava	10,960
Sevastopol	10,960
Czarevitch	13,110

Armored Cruisers, First Class.

Cromoboi	12,364
Rossia	12,200
Rutik	10,923
Bayan	7,180

Protected Cruisers, Second Class.

Bayarin	3,200
Variag	6,500
Pallada	6,630
Diana	6,630
Bogatyr	6,500
Askold	6,500
Novik	3,000

Auxiliary Cruisers.

Angara	11,400
Lena	10,250

Torpedo-Boat Destroyers.

Bezshumani	350
Bezposhtchodni	350
Bditelni	350
Boevoi	350
Bezstrashni	350
Burni	350
Boiki	350
Vnimatelni	312
Vnushitelni	312
Vnimoslivi	312
Vlastini	312
Grozovoi	312
Byodlovi	350
Bnini	350
Bulstri	350
Bezupretchni	350
Blestyaschtchi	350
Brovi	350
Bodri	350

Six torpedo-boats at Port Arthur.
Ten torpedo-boats at Vladivostock.
Four torpedo-boats at Bizerta.

Aurora	6,630
Almaz	3,000

Unprotected Cruisers, Third Class.

Djidjia	1,300
Zabiak	1,230
Razboynik	1,334

Armed Gunboats.

Otvashni	1,490
Gremiatshy	1,490
Kronitse	1,413

Unarmed Gunboats.

Mandjui	1,224
Giliak	1,000
Sivoutch	1,050
Bobr	1,050

Transports.

Amur	2,600
Yenesei	2,600

Training Ship and Transport.

Okean	12,000

Torpedo Gunboats.

Vsadnik	400
Gaydamak	400

Japanese Minister and Staff Leave St. Petersburg.

London, February 10.—A dispatch to Reuters Telegram Company from St. Petersburg says that M. Kurino, the retiring Japanese minister to Russia and his staff have left there for Berlin. There was a large crowd of people at the station platform when the party boarded the train. Police and gendarmes kept a space cleared for the travelers, and there was no hostile demonstration. Continuing, the correspondent says an imperial Ukase has been issued which authorizes Viceroy Alexieff to mobilize the reserves within his viceroyalty.

Thirty Men Killed.

London, February 11.—The Shanghai correspondent of the Daily Mail says an important bridge on the Manchurian railroad has been blown up and thirty men have been killed.

A Proclamation of Neutrality.

Washington, February 10.—The President has decided to issue a proclamation of neutrality. It probably will make its appearance tomorrow.

IS HOLDING HIS OWN

SENATOR HANNA'S CONDITION IS UNCHANGED.

No Complications Have Developed—A Bulletin Issued on the Senator's Condition.

Washington, February 10.—Senator Hanna's condition remains practically unchanged. The restlessness which fatigued him last night has been followed by periods of comparative quiet and sleep during the day and the irritability of the stomach has again partially yielded to treatment. The physicians say that no complications have developed. It is this feature of the case that the physicians are guarding zealously against, as they realize that if any complications develop in the Senator's distressingly weak condition the result might be fatal quickly.

Dr. Osler, the Baltimore diagnostician, made a very thorough examination of the Senator during the afternoon and at its conclusion remarked to one of those at his bedside, that his heart's action was splendid. The Senator's other vital organs are also working well with the exception of the stomach.

Shortly after 7 o'clock the doctors issued the following bulletin on Senator Hanna's condition:

"Mr. Hanna's temperature at 6 p. m. was 100 2-10, pulse 92, respiration 24.

"There has been some irritability of the stomach. Ootherwise the symptoms are favorable and there are no complications.

(Signed) "RIXEY,
"OSSLER,
"CARTER."

The Merchants' and Farmers' Bank at Dunn Fails.

(Special to The Messenger.)

Raleigh, N. C., February 10.—Trustees of the Baptist Female University today paid all the debts on that property, and cancelled the last mortgage. The total debt was $33,000. There was one mortgage for $20,000 to the Raleigh Savings Bank

The corporation commission is notified that the Merchants' and Farmers' Bank of Dunn, unable to meet demands upon it, has closed its doors. An asistant bank examiner was at once sent there, to take charge. State Bank Examiner Ellington goes there tomorrow. There had for ten days been a run on the bank. Its capital stock is $22,000. Last report showed assets $115,000 and liabilities $80,000. It is thought the depositors will be paid in full.

WILL USE FEDERAL TROOPS

National Soldiers Will Guard Baltimore's Fire Swept District

SITUATION GREATLY CLEARS UP

The Business Men Are Aroused to the Necessity of Keeping Their Trade Advantages From Passing to Other Cities—A Number of Vaults and Safes Are Opened Up and Their Contents Were Found to be in Good Condition—The Estimates Made Shortly After the Fire Are Considered Conservative — Telegrams of Sympathy and Offers of Aid Are Received From Many Cities.

Baltimore, Md., February 10.—The situation in stricken Baltimore began to visibly clear today after a conference at the Belvidere hotel between Mayor McLane, a special joint committee of the legislature and a formidable delegation of representative business men.

This conference was arranged with a view of meeting in a practical way the awful exigency which this community now faces. The supreme question to be decided was that of calling upon the national government for soldiers to take the places of the two state militia regiments now doing police duty in the burned district. The constitution of Maryland requires that no such request can be made of the President except by authority of the state legislature. The legislative committee was present to hear the views of the mayor and officers of the city on that point.

On this score it was shown that the militiamen were already much exhausted by their long continued sentry duty, that they should be relieved in order that they might return to their several vocations and that the militia on active duty is costing the state $50,000 a day.

NATIONAL SOLDIERS TO GUARD THE REGION.

Mayor McLane was particularly insistent that to efficiently guard the hundreds of millions of treasure that lie buried beneath the smouldering ruins, called for the strong arm of the Federal soldiers. The announcement of the legislative committee that it would recommend at once the passage of the necessary resolution was received with pleasure by the officers and business men present, and now that the legislature has formally acted, there is every assurance that a national cordon around the devastated region will inspire a feeling of hopeful confidence in the future.

Mayor McLane's announcement that he will appoint an emergency committee of citizens to act as an advisory board of municipal officials is a great step forward in the way of putting the situation upon a practical business-like shape.

MUST HOLD THEIR TRADE ADVANTAGES.

There is no doubt that within the past 24 hours the business men of Baltimore have been aroused in an extraordinary degree to the importance of doing everything possible to keep their trade advantages from slipping away. Merchants and bankers have been conferring today on this subject and the prevailing conviction is that it will require the utmost vigilance to prevent the deflection of a considerable volume of commerce to Philadelphia and New York. It is believed here that the situation may be saved if the debris can be cleared away and temporary buildings erected within four months. That a large percentage of the spring trade will be lost is inevitable, but there is a set resolution among wholesale merchants that the percentage shall be as small as possible.

The opening today of the board room by the chamber of commerce and the receipt of quotations, the uninterrupted shipments of grain cargoes, the certainty of state aid the notification by some of the large insurance companies of their readiness to pay fifty per cent on losses and the action of the legislature in asking for Federal troops, constitute a chain of incidents which have contributed materially to the restoration of public confidence and cheerfulness.

Financial institutions are today busily engaged in carting their securities and funds to temporary offices outside the confines of the burned district. By 8 o'clock express wagons and their available conveyances were backed up to banks and trust company buildings, preparatory to removing all books, papers, funds, etc.

The vault of the First National bank was opened today and it was found that all the securities and monies of the bank were as safe as on the day they were placed in the vault. They were removed to the American National Bank building on Gay street where temporary offices will be opened.

To the Associated Press Building Commissioner Preston said:

SPRIRIT SHOWN IS REMARKABLE.

"The spirit shown by those who suffered by the fire is truly remarkable. Without waiting to have their insurance adjusted, the business and financial concerns are ready and anxious to go ahead. I am compelled, however,

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