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Naval Cadets Exhibit Great Bravery

St. Petersburg, May 4.—A press dispatch from Port Arthur describes the latest attempt of the Japanese to bottle up the port last Monday as unparalleled in naval history for its daring. The crews of the freshets were composed of Japanese naval cadets, who acted with the greatest bravery and most desperate valor in the face of a murderous fire.

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Port Arthur, May 4.—An idea of the terrific resistance offered by the Russians in defending the channel from the threatened blockade by the Japanese can be gained from the fact that in all 3,500 shots were fired by the Russian batteries and guards on the attacking freshets.

Two Vessels Sunk in the Channel

Rome, May 4.—A telegram from Tokio asserts that the late Japanese attempt to block the channel to Port Arthur harbor was successful. Two stone laden vessels now lie in the harbor entrance. It is said the guns from the disabled warships are being taken ashore by the Russians and all preparations are being made for a siege. Admiral Togo is still bombarding the forts.

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St. Petersburg, May 4.—The Chinese minister, who, in consequence of rumors of the possibility that China might not remain neutral, applied to Peking for information, has received a cablegram from the Peking government and Viceroy Yuan Shi Kai, which reads as follows:

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Washington, D. C., May 4.—Special. A North Carolina negro was yesterday elected one of the two delegates from the District of Columbia to the Republican national convention. John F. Cook, who at one time represented Caswell county in the legislature, was the lucky negro, and his fellow delegate is Dr. Robert Reyburn, who was one of the attending physicians at the bedside of President Garfield. Washington has the privilege of voting only once in every four years, and that right comes when delegates are chosen to national conventions. The Republicans held their primary election yesterday and the Democrats will hold theirs tomorrow. In the Republican primary 7,556 votes were cast, the bulk of them being those of negroes, who outnumber the white Republicans two to one. The negroes always have one of the delegates. In fact there were three tickets in the field, and all of them had a negro candidate.