

POUNDING AWAY

Port Arthur Assailed by Siege Guns for Four Days,

JAPS REPORT RUSSIAN BATTLESHIP SUNK.

Union of Russian Squad- rons Thwarted.

(Special to Daily Herald.)

Tokio, Rug. 12.—Admiral Togo reports that the Russian battleship Czarvitch, was probably sunk on August 10.

Shanghai, Aug. 12.—A Russian torpedo boat destroyer arrived here today.

It is reported that four Russian battleships are off the Saddle Islands (about fifty miles southeast of this port.)

St. Petersburg, Aug. 12.—The Emperor has received the following despatch from Viceroy Alexieff, dated August 11, "According to a report from the commandant at Port Arthur, the squadron put to sea Aug. 10, the steamer Mongolia following the squadron.

"The Japanese vessels were on the horizon, three first class cruisers, eight small cruisers and seventeen torpedo boats.

The port has been bombarded with siege guns for the past four days."

Chee Foo, Aug. 12.—The report that one Russian cruiser, a battleship and one torpedo boat destroyer had entered Port of Tsing Tau, Kiao Chau Bay, last night is confirmed. The cruisers are the Askold and the battleship Czarvitch.

The battleship Czarvitch is unseaworthy, and will probably remain in Port Arthur, but the cruiser and torpedo boats will be ordered to leave by the German government.

The German cruisers, Fuerst, Bismarck and Thetis, are preparing to leave Che Foo for that port.

Two Russian torpedo boats are said to have been captured on the Chinese coast.

It is believed that the attempt of the Russian squadron at Port Arthur to join the Vladivostock squadron, has been thwarted.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 12.—The action of Japanese torpedo boat destroyers in attacking and towing out the defenceless Russian torpedo boat destroyer Ryeshitelni, at Che Foo, is regarded in diplomatic circles as being a very grave matter for Japan.

As soon as the facts are officially established no doubt exists that Russia will promptly call attention of powers to the breach of neutrality of China.

Aside from the question of the right of an uninjured warship to seek refuge in a neutral port when not forced to do so by stress of weather or lack of coal and provisions, all diplomats agree as to the absolute illegality of belligerent ships entering neutral ports, and there committing hostile acts.

The case, so far as the facts are known, is considered more flagrant than at Chemulpo, where all foreign commanders, except the commander of the American warship presented a protest against the proposal of the Japanese to enter and fight the Russian cruisers Variag and Korietz in a neutral harbor.

This Morning's Despatches.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 12.—Public anxiety regarding the fate of the Port Arthur squadron, which has

reached the highest pitch, remained unrelieved when the people of St. Petersburg retired.

The reports from Tokio and Chefoo of the sea fight which followed the departure of the squadron are so conflicting and inconclusive that a strong hope exists that the Russian ships succeeded in breaking through the Japanese fleet. Indeed, it is rumored late tonight that the admiralty has received information that the squadron has passed beyond the Shantung promontory (which would bring the squadron at least 150 miles to the southeast of Port Arthur and into the Yellow Sea).

Although unable to confirm this rumor, the Associated Press learns that the family of Lieut. Smirnov, an officer of the battleship Czarvitch, this evening received a telegram from him dated at Tsingchau today. The message contained only two words, "Alive, embraces."

Tsingchau is 160 miles southeast of Chefoo, in the province of Shantung, and is at the entrance of Kiauchau Bay. The receipt of this telegram might be construed as partial confirmation of the rumor that the squadron had reached the open sea beyond Shantung. In no other way can Lieut. Smirnov's family explain the message from Tsingchau.

It is hardly believed that the squadron itself put into Kiauchau, although some time ago it was reported that it might take refuge in this port. It is regarded as more likely that one of the torpedo boat destroyers was sent there with official despatches and filed Lieut. Smirnov's telegram.

Forts Shelled Warships.

Che Foo, Aug. 12, 1.15 p. m.—According to the latest information obtainable, the Russian squadron has not returned to Port Arthur. On the night of August 9th, heavy cannonading was heard at sea in the direction of Port Arthur.

Advices from the fortress say that the Japanese bombarded the town, placing their batteries in dense kaolin fields, where they were effectually masked. The shells dropped mainly in the western basin, where the squadron was anchored. Many of the shells fell upon the battleship Retvizan, but no serious damage was done either to the town or the fleet. Later the forts got the range of the Japanese field batteries and drove them out from their shelter in the kaolin.

On the morning of Aug. 10, the squadron put to sea where heavy cannonading was heard for several hours. The result of the battle is not known and nothing definite has been learned regarding either squadron.

Kuropatkin's Position.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 12, 2.25 a. m.—Even with the absorbing topic of the escape of the Port Arthur squadron, the question whether Gen. Kuropatkin will accept or refuse a general engagement at Liao Yang continues to be a subject of the liveliest interest.

Experts of the bureau of operations mostly incline to the belief that a collision between the main forces is inevitable.

JUMPED THE TRACK.

Railway Train Rushed Down Steep Descent to Destruction.

(Special to Daily Herald.)

Quebec, Aug. 12.—A train of thirty cars on the Quebec and Lake St. John railway, rushed down a heavy grade from Charlesborough, leaving the track at Hedleyville, and piled up in a ditch.

Twenty-five cars were reduced to splinters, the station demolished, and the engineer had a leg broken.

SON AND HEIR.

Czar at Last Has a Wish Gratified.

(Special to Daily Herald.)

SLUG ONE

St. Petersburg, Aug. 12.—A son and heir to the Russian throne has been born.

The Empress and the child are doing well.

The accouchment occurred at 12.30 o'clock this afternoon. The child will be christened Alexis.

U. N. B. GRADUATE.

Ithaca Paper has Good Words for Prof. Frank Allen.

Referring to the recent appointment of Mr. Frank Allen to a chair in the University of Manitoba, the Daily News of Ithaca, N. Y., says: Instructor Frank Allen, who has just been appointed professor of physics in the University of Manitoba, in Winnipeg, Canada, was senior instructor in the department of physics in Cornell. During his five years' connection with the University he has endeared himself to a large circle of students, who will hear with regret the news of his departure.

The appointment to a full professorship is considered an honor not only to Mr. Allen, but to the department where he has received the larger portion of his advanced training in

physics. Mr. Allen came to Cornell from the University of New Brunswick, Canada, where he was graduated with the degree of A. B. In 1901 he was a graduate scholar in the physics department and in 1902 the President White fellow in physics. During his sojourn at the University he has made extensive investigations in the field of "color vision," and has published a number of papers dealing with this subject.

Mr. Allen will take up his work in Winnipeg in September.

His Rule of Business.

A fair young thing who buttonholed a Wall street magnate and asked him what was his rule of business is puzzling over his answer:

"Very simple. I pay for something that I can't get with money I haven't got and then sell what I never had for more than it ever cost."

St. Columbian's Sacred Oak.

In years gone by Ireland had a sacred oak dedicated to St. Columbian, one of the peculiarities of the tree being that whoever carried a small bit of the wood or bark in his mouth would never meet with a violent death, it being especially efficacious in saving Christian martyrs from the block. It was known throughout the British isles as the Holy Oak of Kenmare. After the lapse of many centuries this sacred oak was uprooted by a storm, after which it was said to be guarded by angels to keep heretics from gathering the wood for fuel. At last a wicked tanner "barked" one of its large limbs and tanned some leather, which he made into shoes for himself, imagining that such relics would bring him wealth and power. He wore them but once, however, but that one time was enough to make him an incurable leper.

Hours of Sleep.

Though insomnia is distressing and very bad for health, many people sleep too much. Too much sleep is harmful, and even a newborn infant ought not to be allowed to spend all its time in slumber. Between one and two years of age a child needs sixteen to eighteen hours of sleep; from three to four years it requires fourteen to sixteen hours; from four to six years it ought to have thirteen to fifteen hours; from six to nine years it should have ten to twelve hours, and from nine to thirteen years the proper allowance of sleep is eight to ten hours. After the completion of growth the sleep allowance can be brought down safely to six or eight hours.

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