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ANOTHER BATTLE THOUGHT TO BE NEAR PORT ARTHUR

British Government is on the Alert.

Chinese Government Have Declared their Neutrality—Additional Vessels may be Sent to China—Missionaries in Danger.

HEAVY FIRING HEARD.

TIENTSIN, Feb. 13.—(Special) Heavy firing has been heard off Chin Wang Tro opposite to Port Arthur and news is expected hourly of another naval battle.

RUSSIANS SINK A STEAMER.

It is said that the Russian warships have sunk a Japanese merchant steamer named Akoura, Mario off Hakodate on Thursday Feb. 11.

BRITISH STEAMER HELD.

LONDON, Feb. 13.—(Special)—Owners of the British steam collier, Foxton-hall has been advised that the vessel has been detained by the Russian authorities at Port Arthur.

Her British captain and the crew have been sent to Chifoo. Several other neutral vessels have been detained at Port Arthur.

CHINA TO BE NEUTRAL.

TOKIO, Feb. 13.—(Special)—The Chinese Government have proclaimed the neutrality of China during the existing war.

BRITISH TROOPS READY

HALIFAX, Feb. 13.—(Special) The military authorities have instructions from the War Office to see if temporary quarters can be secured in Canada for seven line regiments and detachments of the Royal Engineers.

They will be in readiness for transportation to the far east in case it may be necessary.

BRITISH ON THE ALERT.

LONDON, Feb. 13.—(Special)—Government dock yards are busy



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RUSSIANS HAVE ALREADY LOST ELEVEN BATTLESHIPS.

London February 12.—A summary of the losses sustained by Russia in the first 24 hours of the war with Japan show that eleven 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: 1—Battleship Retvizan, torpedoed and beached at Port Arthur. 2—Battleship Czarevitch, torpedoed and beached at Port Arthur. 3—Battleship Poltava, (hole below water line) at Port Arthur. 4—Armoured cruiser Boyadin, disabled by Japanese fire at Port Arthur. 5—Cruiser Pollada, torpedoed at Port Arthur and beached. 6—Cruiser Novik, hole below water line, at Port Arthur. 7—Cruiser Askold, hole below water line, at Port Arthur. 8—Cruiser Diana, hole below water line at Port Arthur. 9—First class armoured cruiser Variag, destroyed at Chemulpo, Corea. 10—Torpedo gun vessel Korietz, destroyed at Chemulpo, Corea. 11—Gunboat Mandju, said to have been seized by the Japanese at Nagasaki, Japan. Another report, however, says the Mandju is at Shanghai.

preparing for eventualities in the Far East and some additional ships may be sent to the China station at once.

NEW YORK, Feb. 13.—(Special) The Methodist Episcopal Church has thirty-five missionaries in Korea who are considered in grave peril. Among them is Miss Ethel M. Estey of Waterville, N. B.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 13.—(Special)—Vice roy Alexieff reports that a torpedo transport was accidentally blown up by striking a mine off Port Arthur. The transport sank and Capt. Stepanoff with three officers and 91 men were killed.

BRITISH FIRE ON. The British steamer Fu King when leaving Port Arthur was fired upon by Russians who afterwards apologised.

JAPANESE BOMBARDED. Two Japanese merchant ships were bombed by four Russian ships. One sank but the other escaped.

FIRST FIGHT AT PORT ARTHUR. CHEE FOO, (77 miles from Port Arthur), February 10.—The steamer Columbia has arrived from Port Arthur, with additional news of the attack by the Japanese fleet upon the Russian fleet in the roads outside of the harbor of Port Arthur.

The Columbia was in the roads at the time and felt the first shock of a torpedo explosion at 11 o'clock on Monday night. The attack continued all night, and at daylight yesterday morning two Russian battleships and one first class Russian cruiser were seen to have been disabled and beached at the entrance of the harbor. The cruiser was badly listed to one side. Yesterday morning the Russian forts opened fire on the Japanese fleet, which was about three miles distant. The Japanese vessels returned the fire hitting several of the Russian ships but doing little damage. The Russian cruisers then went out and the Japanese vessels disappeared. They were seen later, going in the direction of Dalny, apparently undamaged. Although the officers of the Columbia say that there were 17 in the

ser with torpedo boat is reported north of Che Foo.

The two battleships disabled are the Poltava and Czarevitch. The disabled armored cruiser Boyadin and the grounded battleships block the harbor, preventing the gunboats from getting out and battleships and cruisers from going in and getting coal.

Besides this Japan has the Russian warships Variag and Korietz caught at Chemulpo. They were bound for Vladivostok.

THE JAPANESE COMMANDER.

The Japanese fleet was under the command of Vice-Admiral Togo, and consisted of four fast cruisers the Chitose, Kasagi, Tagago and Yoshino, which circled outside, drawing the fire of the Russians. They then joined the main fleet and all went in to attack the armored cruisers. In the Japanese fleet, which consisted of two divisions, were the Kitkas, the flagship, the first-class battleships Sahl, Fujt, Yashima, Shikashima, Hetsuz and the despatch boat Tatusma. The second division of the fleet under the command of Admiral Kamamura, of the flagship Idatmo, consisted of armored cruisers Yakuma, Asama and Iwate.

THE BATTLE OF CHEMULPO.

LONDON, Feb. 10.—Official despatches from Tokio, received by Baron Hayashi say the Japanese admiral, on arriving at Chemulpo, Korea, sent in word to the two Russian cruisers, giving them a time limit in which to leave. Shortly afterwards the Russians came out and attacked a Japanese torpedo boat, which replied with a torpedo ineffectively. A general exchange of shots followed. After a hot fire the Russians returned to Chemulpo and sank at the entrance of the harbor. It is not yet known whether their sink was due to the Japanese fire or to the Russians' action, but it is believed to be due to the former. The crews of both Russian vessels sought refuge on a French warship at Chemulpo. There was no casualties among the Japanese, and the vessels sustained no damage.

The text of the official despatch received by Baron Hayashi is as follows: "On Monday a Japanese squadron, escorting transports, met on the way to Chemulpo, Korea, the Russian gunboat Korietz, as the latter was coming out of the port. The Korietz took up an offensive attitude towards the Japanese vessels and fired on the Japanese torpedo boats. The latter discharged two torpedoes ineffectively and then the Korietz returned to her anchorage in the port. "Early on the morning of Tuesday, Admiral Urik, commanding the Japanese

attacking party, only 16 were seen later in the day by the steamer. A member of the crew of the Columbia tells this story of the naval battle at Port Arthur: "The Columbia was lying in the roadstead, surrounded by 14 Russian battleships and cruisers. At 11.30 o'clock on Monday night a severe shock was felt on board the Columbia. The Russians immediately commenced to operate their searchlights and opened fire towards the sea. The fire lasted only a short time. At one o'clock more shocks were felt and the Russians again commenced firing. The Japanese did not return the fire. At 2 o'clock two Russian battleships went in and were beached across the mouth of the harbor. They were soon followed by a Russian cruiser, which also was beached. None of the vessels were damaged above the waterline. More shocks from torpedoes were felt during the early morning, and then all was quiet. "At 10 o'clock Tuesday morning 3 Japanese cruisers passed Port Arthur in sight of the Russian fleet. The whole Russian fleet immediately weighed anchor and went after them but returned in half an hour."

RUSSIAN SHOT FELL SHORT. The Russians left one cruiser outside to watch for the Japanese ships. The cruiser was fired upon by the Japanese and the other Russian vessels took up their anchors and cruised around the roadstead. The Japanese fleet came up within three miles, and a battle commenced. The Japanese fired upon the ships and forts which replied. Two Russian ships were struck by shells but were only slightly damaged. The Russian fire fell short. The Columbia steamed away while the battle was in progress, but later saw the Japanese fleet leave. One Japanese cru-



THE RUSSIAN WARSHIP CZAREVITCH.

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The rumor could not be corroborated in military circles but a member of the militia said he was given to understand some time ago, before the trouble between Russia and Japan promised to culminate in war, that a plan had been mapped out by which, in case the British Government found the services of the Royal Garrison Artillery men in Canada were needed elsewhere in the interests of the Empire, Canada could be depended upon to look after the Imperial forts within the Dominion.

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division should look after the Halifax forts, while the western Canadian artillerymen would look after Esquimault, B. C.

The plan would likely be, so far as the eastern division of the artillery is concerned, to put one regiment in the forts here at a time, with perhaps an officer from the permanent corps at Quebec in charge and perhaps details from the volunteers stationed there. Each regiment could be given a month or so at a time, so that the men would not require to give up their regular employment.

[In speaking with the matter to Colonel Moore, D. O. C. he informs The Guardian that he has yet received nothing official in the matter].

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