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PORT ARTHUR WOULDN'T SURRENDER. BOMBARDMENT IN PROGRESS.

Japanese Lines Drawn Close Around the City.

Togo's Naval Victory of August 10 Described.

A Tokio cable says: The commander of the army besieging Port Arthur reports that Major Yamoka, a member of his staff, was dispatched under a flag of truce to the outposts of the Russians, where he delivered to a Russian staff officer the offer of the Emperor of Japan, granting the removal of non-combatants. He also demanded the surrender of Port Arthur. An answer is expected to-day.

SAYS STOESEL WILL FIGHT.

St. Petersburg Discusses the Demand and Mikado's Offer.

A late St. Petersburg cable says: The announcement of the Mikado's offer to allow non-combatants to leave Port Arthur, coupled with the demand for the surrender of the garrison, causes a re-velation of feeling here. The original report that non-combatants would be permitted to depart was regarded as a humane and considerate act. The War Office is without official confirmation of the summons served upon Gen. Stoessel, but not the slightest idea exists in military circles that he will yield so long as food and ammunition hold out, without a fight, even to protect defenceless women and other non-combatants from the horrors of bombardment.

Gen. Stoessel, as an independent commander, would have a perfect right under the Russian military regulations to surrender at discretion," said a member of the general staff to the correspondent of the Associated Press; "but it may be assumed that a man of Stoessel's temper will not create a new precedent in Russian history. Our military annals do not show a single case where a commander yielded a fortress upon the demand of the enemy in order to avoid a fight. Sebastopol was taken by storm."

Salvaging a Russian Ship.

A Nagasaki cable says: The Japanese steamer Oura, which has arrived here, reports that she left Chemulpo with the former Russian steamer Sungari in tow, but owing to bad weather the Sungari was compelled to anchor. The Sungari was wrecked at Chemulpo by the Russians at the beginning of hostilities to prevent her capture by the Japanese. The Japanese afterwards raised her. The Oura will shortly return to the Sungari and resume towing her to this port, where she will undergo repairs.

The mails from the North German Lloyd steamer Prinz Heinrich, which the Russians detained July 15 in the Red Sea, have been examined here, in the presence of the British, German and French Consuls, who found many registered and other letters missing. A strong protest is being prepared by the consuls.

Funeral Services Over Fragments.

Chefoo cable: A striking incident of the naval engagement of Aug. 10 was the surrounding of the battleship Retvizan by Japanese torpedo boats, the other Russian vessels having gone to the assistance of the Czarewitch, which was then hard pressed. The Retvizan desperately attempted to break through the line and tried to ram a cruiser, which approached, but she was fairly blown out of her course by a hail of shells from the cruisers, which now began participating in the fight. Every officer of the Retvizan was either killed or wounded.

While the Czarewitch was making for Tsingtau funeral services were held in many cases over heads, arms and legs. One sailor, whose hand was severed by a fragment of shell, became crazed by pain and the horror of the blood around him. He approached the captain, held out the severed member of his remaining hand and requested that prayer be said over it.

A FEARFUL BATTLE.

Russian Lieutenant Describes Dash from Port Arthur.

A London cable says: The Telegraph prints a Tsingtau despatch giving an interview with the captain of the Russian destroyer Bezhumui. He says that after the fleet got in parallel lines there was continuous war from 10 a. m. to 1 p. m. The fleets turned, and then there was a lull in the firing. The Askold recommenced firing at 2 p. m. The ships were then steaming six knots south-eastward. The engagement was equal until 3.15. Then the ships turned again during another lull. Firing recommenced at 4.50. At 5.55 a 12-inch shell struck the Czarewitch and killed Admiral Witthoft, and wounded the second admiral and commander. Both navigating officers were killed. Soon after nobody was left to command. The engines and steering gear broke down. The ship was firing without intermission, and turned twice. Then a midshipman took command. Meanwhile, the Retvizan kept the Japanese at bay. She did splendid work. Again and again the Japanese neared the Retvizan, but were driven off.

Simultaneously the Bezhumui was a mile away, waiting to torpedo the Russian ships should the Japanese seem likely to capture them. These were awful moments. No smoke from the funnels were visible, only the flashes of the guns. Then five ships returned to Port Arthur. The Bezhumui reached Chemulpo and tried to join the Vladivostok squadron, but as this proved hopeless, she turned south. The

RUSSIAN VIEWS.

Kouroupatkin Says He Awaits Decisive Battle.

A late St. Petersburg cable says: A despatch from Gen. Kouroupatkin, dated from Amshanshan and conveying the congratulations of the army to the Emperor on the birth of an heir to the throne, says:

"We await a decisive battle with the Japanese army advancing upon us, gladly anticipating meeting the foe and proving our fidelity to our Emperor and our country."

When Rear Admiral Rojestvenski hoisted his flag on the battleship Suvaroff, Sunday, as commander of the second division of the Pacific squadron, Admiral Birleff, the commander at Cronstadt, signalled him as follows: "May God bless your voyage, and may it be to the glory and honor of Russia. Be strong, brave and determined."

Admiral Rojestvenski replied: "Sincerest thanks."

The Russ to-day argues that a neutral power has no right to demand the disarmament of belligerent warships entering a neutral port in need of repairs, and that consequently the Ryshitelny, at Chefoo, and the Russian warships at Tsingtau, were entitled to enjoy the hospitality of those ports.

A naval critic in the Invalide Russ, expresses the opinion that the Russian cruisers, after the sea fight of Aug. 10, sailed south to draw off the pursuit from the battleship division, which he thinks is on its way to Vladivostok.

BRITAIN IS EMPHATIC.

The Question of Contraband and Sinking Neutral Ships.

A St. Petersburg cable says: Great Britain has formally raised the whole question of foodstuffs as contraband of war, and the legality of sinking neutral ships in a communication to the Russian Government presented through Ambassador Hardinge. The views are practically those embodied in the King's speech at the proroguing of Parliament. The communication takes exception to the Russian doctrine that foodstuffs are contraband, takes a position against the right of Russia to sink neutral merchantmen, and demands compensation in the case of the Knight Commander.

With regard to the food stuffs consigned to an enemy's ports the communication maintains that proof that they are intended for belligerent military or naval forces is necessary in order that they be considered contraband. It illustrates in this contention the case of the flour on board the Arabia, which was consigned to a British firm at Yokohama and which was declared contraband by the Vladivostok prize court. Great Britain contends that the Russian doctrine is equivalent to a declaration that all foodstuffs consigned to an enemy's port are unconditionally contraband. The British now argue the question at length against the right to sink neutral ships, as being contrary to international law and usage. Although the note is couched in friendly terms, it presents a British position clearly and emphatically.

CHINA MUST ACT.

Or Japan Will Take Measures as Suit Her.

A London cable says: The Associated Press learned this afternoon that Japan has made a demand of China, practically that she should enforce her neutrality in the case of the protected cruiser Askold and the torpedo-boat destroyer Grosowoi, now at Shanghai. Japan pointed out that the time limit, 24 hours, permitted by international law, had expired, and that Japan therefore was at liberty to take such action as may seem to her expedient.

At the Japanese Legation here it was expressly stated that the Tokio Government had no intention of remaining quiescent if Russia attempted to compel China to give asylum to her men-of-war and authorize repairs at her ports which would enable them to resume belligerent operations. Should China fail to comply immediately with Japan's demand, the division of Japanese warships now in the vicinity of Shanghai will, the legation declares, be instructed to enter the port and capture the Askold and Grosowoi, as was done in the case of the Ryshitelny. Japan has made no secret of her intention, but has not consulted the powers, believing that the matter is one which concerns herself alone. Japan is prepared, the legation further asserts, to recognize Chinese neutrality only as long as it is respected by Russia.

With regard to the Ryshitelny, Japan, it is asserted, is determined to comply with the Chinese demand, submitted in compliance with the Russian note, that the vessel be returned to Chefoo. Japan insists that to all intents and purposes Chefoo has been a Russian base during the war, Chinese unks hav-

Togo's Great Victory.

Commander Ogura of the Mikasa, Admiral Togo's flagship, who has arrived at Sasebo, wounded, gives the following description of the action with the Port Arthur fleet on Aug. 10th: On the morning of that day the guardships telegraphed the Japanese to advise the enemy's sortie. The news was received with delight by Togo, who rapidly made all dispositions. His plan was to draw the Russians as far south as possible in order to prevent a repetition of the fiasco of June 23. He did not know whether the enemy's destination was Vladivostok, or the Japanese coast south, being constantly informed by the scouts of the enemy's movements. The squadrons gradually approached, the Japanese squadron being on the east. At 12.30 p. m., being then 30 miles south of Port Arthur, Togo signalled for the ships to go into action. The Russians were then in single column line abreast, their force consisting of six battleships, with the Czarewitch in the van, four cruisers, eight destroyers and one hospital ship. At 1 p. m. the action began. Twice the lines approached and twice receded.

There was a fierce cannonade on both sides, but whereas the Japanese gunners were absolutely calm, and scored hits nearly at a faw mile. After two and a half hours of fighting, both sides drew off for one hour, and then approached once more. The Russians now opened fire, which was largely confined to the starboard, and directed every operation. The enemy's vessels now changed their direction to the southeast, and the Japanese pursued them.

Russians Thrown Into Confusion.

At 7.30 p. m. the Czarewitch was struck by a 12-inch shell below the water line, on the port side, and suddenly turned to the starboard, whereupon the other vessels, in order to avoid a collision, put their helm to port and starboard and fell into confusion. This was an opportunity the Japanese did not fail to seize. They poured in a very hot fire at a range of three to four thousand metres, and the Russians' fire was virtually silenced. The Retvizan with conspicuous bravery maintained the cannonade until, having received the Japanese concentrated fire, she was reduced to fitful discharges from one or two guns. The slackening of the enemy's fire was seemingly not due to a shortage of ammunition, but to the

ing been fitted out there and sent through the Japanese blockading vessels to Port Arthur. No answer has yet been given by Japan to the Russian protest in the case of the Ryshitelny, but when it is made it will be communicated to all the powers.

Bombarding the Fortress.

Passengers on board the steamer Decima, which anchored off Port Arthur last night, witnessed the bombardment from Pigeon Bay. The Japanese shells were visible during their whole course. They circled comet-like to the town, and their explosions were marked by great splashes of fire, which shot up into the sky. The bombardment continued and lasted until morning. The Russians did not reply to the Japanese fire. Major Seaman, formerly a surgeon in the American army, was a passenger on the Decima. He says the spectacle was most brilliant and awe-inspiring. The Decima weighed anchor from Port Arthur at 5 o'clock this morning. At some distance out she saw five Japanese warships guarding the harbor.

Capture of Wolf's Hill.

An unofficial statement shows that the capture of Wolf's Hill by the army operating against Port Arthur was a most arduous operation. The assault began on July 26. The Japanese, however, failed to reach the crown of the eminence, 300 metres high, and spent the night lying midway on the slopes. At dawn on the 27th the artillery played on the summit and seemed to have silenced the enemy's guns, but when the infantry advanced they were met by the hail of the enemy's quick-firers, which had hitherto been concealed behind the crest. Nevertheless, the Japanese carried the position, but were driven off by strong Russian reserves, which had been prepared for this emergency.

Success at Last.

During the night of the 27th the Japanese assaulting force was greatly increased, thus enabling an attack to be delivered in three directions. Under the cover of darkness the Japanese went to within 50 metres. Moreover, the artillery on the 28th succeeded in causing a breach in the Russian shelter trenches, and thus the position was finally carried. The Japanese right reached the crown of the hill first from the direction of the enemy's left rear. The Russians, therefore, retreated eastward, telegraphing the information to the Japanese, enabling the Japanese to advance and win other positions. The Russians abandoned two Maxim guns and one Nordenfled gun. The last bore the mark of the Kure arsenal, being evidently a gun taken from one of the Japanese steamers sunk in the attempt to seal the harbor of Port Arthur.

On the evening of July 29 all the outworks were in the hands of the Japanese, who began to mount siege guns.

The Rurik Sinks.

The Rurik was now opposed only by two small cruisers, and renewed the fight with splendid gallantry, but owing to her crippled condition she was unable to effect anything. Gradually she sank; some of her crew jumped overboard, while others opened her portholes in order to hasten the sinking, but with enduring courage many continued throughout to serve the guns. Finally she stood up and went down by the stern.

Rescuing the Survivors.

The sea was strewn with hammocks and planks, to which the men were clinging. The Naniwa and the Takachioo forthwith lowered their boats in order to save as many as possible, and they were assisted by the torpedo boats of the squadron, which had just arrived. Meanwhile Kamimura, abandoning the pursuit of the Russian vessels, whose speed was unimpaired, although their hulls and armaments were severely injured, returned to the scene and aided in saving the lives of the Russians, of whom 600 were rescued. One died shortly afterwards, about 200 were wounded, 43 severely and 10 probably mortally. The survivors say that the captain, commander and most of the officers of the Rurik were killed. The Japanese casualties were 44 killed, including two officers, and 63 wounded, including seven officers. The fighting power of the Japanese ships were unimpaired.

The Emperor's Thanks.

The Emperor, in thanking Kamimura, notes especially the fact that his sole duty hitherto had been to guard the Corai Strait. This is understood to be intended as a rebuke to previous criticisms regarding Kamimura's failure to prevent the sorties of the Vladivostok cruisers.

REPLYING ON MINES.

Solely Responsible for Protracted Defence on Fortress.

Tsing Chou cable says: An American named Noits (?) who was employed as a carpenter at the docks in Port Arthur, has arrived here. He states that the supply of ammunition is moderate. The food supply is small. The place de-

damage inflicted and the casualties sustained. At 8.30 p. m., when night fell, the combat terminated.

SUNDAY'S BATTLE.

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