

A DOUBTFUL RUMOR

Report of All Day Bombardment of Vladivostock Is Not Credited.

NOTHING CONFIRMS IT

St. Petersburg Story Is Most Likely an Exaggerated Version of Sunday's Engagement.

Considerable Curiosity Is Expressed Concerning Vladivostock's Resisting Powers.

Yin Kow, March 8.—An official dispatch received here says the Japanese are again bombarding Vladivostock. This news lacks confirmation from other sources.

London, March 8.—In a dispatch from St. Petersburg a correspondent gives a rumor that the czar has received a telegram to the effect that the Japanese fleet bombarded Vladivostock all day Monday. According to this rumor, only trifling damage was inflicted to the Russians, but one or two Japanese cruisers were sunk. No word confirming this story has been received in any other quarter and although there is nothing to show that there was another bombardment of Vladivostock on Monday, this report is most likely an exaggerated version of Sunday's bombardment.

There is considerable curiosity here concerning the resisting power of Vladivostock, which has long been regarded as the Gibraltar of the far East. Vladivostock is known to be better equipped, as a naval base, and to have greater docking and repairing sources, than Port Arthur, but doubts are expressed as to the character of its defenses. Russia has been settled there for forty years and it is consequently considered likely that the defenses and guns at this place are of a small, obsolete character. It is understood that during the past few years all the available new guns and war material which it was possible to send over the single line trans-Siberian railroad have been used for the strengthening of Port Arthur and points in Manchuria, leaving Vladivostock with the old type guns of short range. It is reported that Vladivostock is ill-supplied with provisions and necessities. No more war news from the far East is published today.

Dispatches from Tokio speak of the sacrifices made by the Japanese nation. According to one correspondent the mikado is abandoning all luxuries, the court is following his example and all are going to live abstemiously until the war is ended.

A Kobe correspondent says the crown prince of Japan and Prince Arisugava are going to the seat of war. Other dispatches say that public and private concerns are all curtailing their expenses in order to aid the government in the prosecution of the war.

According to a Che Foo correspondent it is expected that the Japanese will reach the left bank of the lower Yalu about March 10. A large force of Russians is strongly entrenched on the hills in the Antung district, adjacent and parallel to the river. Their position is similar to that which the Boers held on the Tugela river.

LINGERING NEAR

Jap Fleet Again Sails in Sight of Vladivostock.

St. Petersburg, March 8.—Viceroy Alexieff has telegraphed the czar from Mukden under Monday's date as follows: "Supplementing my telegram of March 6, I most humbly report that at 1:25 p. m., five out of seven of the enemy's ships opened fire on Forts Suvaroff and Linevitch, on the town on the roadstead and also the valley of the river Obysneniye. The firing lasted until 2:15 p. m., at which hour the Japanese squadron began to steam southward, disappearing out of sight at 5:30 p. m. There were no losses on the batteries or the fortifications. In the town one seaman was wounded and one woman was killed.

"According to information just received the enemy's squadron again appeared in sight of the fortress at 8 o'clock this morning."

A later message from the viceroy says: "The commandant at Vladivostock reports that yesterday's bombardment resulted in no serious damage to the port. The fortress did not return the enemy's fire."

"Today at midday the enemy again entered Ussuri bay and approached the point from which they bombarded the harbor on March 6th. They left again making for the open seas."

IN CRITICAL POSITION

Russia's Northern Squadron Believed to be Hemmed in.

London, March 8.—The Japanese legation here has received no official information regarding the bombardment of Vladivostock.

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ment of Vladivostock. It is believed at the legation, however, that the Japanese are now between the Russian cruiser squadron and Vladivostock, and there is reason to believe that the Russian squadron is in the vicinity of Possiet bay.

Russian official dispatches do not mention this squadron, and this fact lends color to the belief that the Japanese warships have shut it out of Vladivostock. It is pointed out at the legation that if this is true the Russian vessels are in a critical position since they must run the gauntlet of the Japanese squadron off Vladivostock or the Japanese squadron off Port Arthur before reaching a Russian port.

Would-be Privateers Turned Down. St. Petersburg, March 8.—It is learned that the Russian authorities have been approached indirectly by American shipping firms desiring authority to fit out privateers to prey on Japanese commerce, but that they met with no encouragement. In just what forms those offers came or on whose behalf they were made cannot be ascertained, as the government would not even consider them. It is announced officially that Russia will not issue letters of marque.

Covering Movements of Troops. Tokio, March 8.—It is believed that the Vladivostock squadron is now in the vicinity of the mouth of the Tumen river, engaged in covering the movements of Russian troops from Possiet bay to the valley of Tumen.

All Quiet at Port Arthur. Port Arthur, March 8.—Everything is quiet here.

OHIO DISGRACED

Mob at Springfield Lynches a Negro Murderer.

Springfield, O., March 8.—Richard Dixon, a desperate negro, who fatally shot Policeman Chas. Collis Sunday morning, was taken from the county jail last night by an infuriated mob, and shot to death in the jail yard, and a few moments later the body was taken to the corner of Main street and Fountain avenue, where the mob spent a half hour riddling the body with bullets from several hundred revolvers.

Dixon shot Policeman Collis Sunday morning in the former's room in the Jones hotel and Collis died at noon Monday. Collis had served for twelve years on the force and was regarded as one of the most reliable and efficient men in the police department. He had gone to Dixon's room on the negro's request. Dixon said his mistress had his clothes in her possession and had got the consent of Jones, the colored proprietor, to keep Dixon away from his house. Collis accompanied Dixon to the room and in a short time the man and woman engaged in a quarrel which resulted in Dixon shooting the woman, who is variously known as Anna or Mattie Corbin. In the left breast just over the heart. She fell unconscious at the first shot and Collis jumped toward the negro to prevent his escaping from the room. Dixon then fired four balls into Collis, the last of which penetrated his abdomen. Dixon then fled from the room and as he started to go down the stairs the dying policeman sent two bullets through the glass door, neither of which struck the mark. Collis then staggered down the stairs and on reaching the street emptied the remaining chambers of his gun at the flying negro. He was not hit, however, and went immediately to police headquarters and gave himself up. He was taken to jail and Collis and the wounded negro were taken to the hospital. All afternoon the killing of Collis was the sole topic of conversation and both Police Judge Miller and Common Pleas Judge Mower are freely censured. They have both sentenced him at various times to the jail and the work house for from two to six months, but he was always released before the expiration of his sentence. It was the general feeling that a trial would result in an insufficient sentence and this argument was so effectually used by the mob leaders that the negro was taken from the jail and lynched.

Alleged False Prosecution. Rising Sun, Ind., March 8.—James Gillespie's attorneys late yesterday filed a plea in abatement, claiming that the prisoner has been made the victim of false prosecution. It was alleged that undue influence was used on the grand jury that indicted Gillespie and others for the murder of his sister. Judge Downey will give his decision in the matter today.

Murder Case Dismissed. Hammond, Ind., March 8.—The murder case against Truman Beam has been dismissed in superior court by Prosecutor McAleer. Beam was charged with choking his sweetheart, Martha Lawrence, to death near Valparaiso a year ago. He was tried twice, the jury failing to agree both times.

TERSE TELEGRAMS

The senate has passed the naval appropriation bill.

Fire destroyed the Crystal ice plant in Wichita, Kan., entailing a loss of \$50,000. Insurance \$10,000.

Russian soldiers are reported to be maltreating women and committing robbery around Anja, Korea.

One woman was killed and five sailors were wounded during the Japanese bombardment of Vladivostock.

David Sears, a wealthy bachelor of Boston, has given Harvard \$500,000 as a testimonial of regard for President Eliot.

The receiver of the firm of Stephen Leachman & Son of Bremen reports that the firm owes its foreign creditors \$4,157,000.

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Can They Be Cured?

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