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JAPAN SINKS TEN RUSSIAN WARSHIPS.

Six Transports and Whalers Captured—All This Done in Twenty-four Hours

London, Feb. 10.—A dispatch from Tokio, under date of February 10, says:

"On Monday a Japanese squadron escorting transport met on the way to Chemulpo, Corea, the Russian gunboat Korietz, as the latter was coming out of 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 went back to her anchorage inside the port.

"Early in the morning of Tuesday Admiral Urik commanding the Japanese squadron formally called on the Russian warships to leave Chemulpo before noon. The admiral added that if his demand was not complied with he would be compelled to attack them in the harbor. The two Russian warships left the port at about 11:30 a. m., and a battle ensued outside the Polynesian island. After about an hour's engagement the Russian warships sought refuge among the islands. Towards the evening the Russian cruiser Varing sank and about 4 a. m. today, Feb. 10, the Korietz was reported to have also sunk, having been blown up. There were no casualties on the Japanese side."

A summary of the losses sustained by Russia in the first 24 hours of the war with Japan show that ten Russian warships were placed out of action in one way or another and that the Japanese did not lose a ship.

A special dispatch from Tokio says the Japanese have captured three Russian transports having on board about 2,000 troops.

A dispatch from Port Arthur says the Japanese fleet returned there Tuesday afternoon and again bombarded the Russian fleet and forts, but that it soon withdrew. The losses to the Russians were small. During the firing a Japanese cruiser was grounded.

Tokio, Feb. 10.—Japan seized Masampo Sunday and dispatched a heavy force there. Japan will fortify the port and establish a naval and military base there. Masampo is an exceedingly important point as it controls the Korean channel and is an excellent base for operations in the future.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 10.—The intense indignation with which the news of "the stab in the back" inflicted by Japan was received here seems to be general throughout Russia. The whole empire is fired by the war fever.

There was a great scene at the naval academy today when the czar personally advanced the senior class to the rank of officers. The czar who wore an admiral's uniform, in addressing the cadets said:

"You are aware, gentlemen, that two days ago war was declared upon us. The insolent foe came by night and attacked our stronghold and fleet. Russia now needs her navy as well as her army. I have come today to promote you to the rank of midshipmen. I am confident that like your revered predecessors you will work for the welfare and glory of our beloved fatherland and devote all your energies to the fleet over which flies the flag of St. Andrew."

According to the Chee Foo correspondent of the Daily Mail the lack of preparation on the part of the Russians at Port Arthur was due to the fact that all

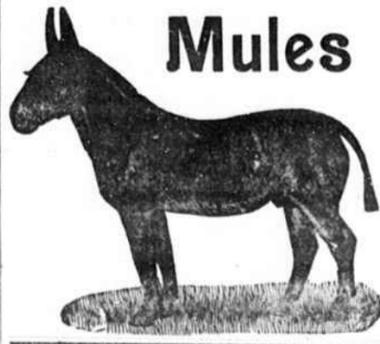
the naval and military officers were attending a circus performance at Port Arthur, which did not terminate until early Tuesday morning.

According to the correspondent of the Paris edition of the New York Herald at Chee Foo the Japanese torpedo boats succeeded in entering the outer harbor by a ruse; they used the Russian flashlight signals. This correspondent adds that three Japanese torpedo boats were sunk with great loss of life.

The correspondent of the Standard at Tokio sends in this morning an entirely new account of the Port Arthur encounter. He says Admiral Togo's fleet arrived on Monday night and found the Russian squadron drawn up in battle formation outside the harbor and under the shadow of the forts, the destroyers being

spread out in front over a distance of five miles. Admiral Togo decided on a right attack and opened fire at 11 o'clock. While the cannonade was hottest a number of Japanese torpedo boats crept alongside close in shore at the foot of the cliff and succeeded in the darkness in getting between the Russian ships and the land. Here they lay unnoticed until the Russians began to give way before the Japanese fire and sought to re-enter the harbor. The Japanese torpedo boats then opened fire at comparatively close range and sank two battle ships and one cruiser close to the entrance of the harbor. The effect of this coup was the retreat of the remainder of the squadron into the harbor.

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Washington, Feb. 12.—The report issued by the Census Bureau Tuesday of the quantity of cotton ginned from the growth of 1903 up to and including January 16, 1904, shows that 30,171 ginneries were operated and that these ginned 9,859,277 commercial bales. Counting round bales as half bales the number is 9,485,537, which compares with 8,904,503 and 10,588,250 bales to December 13, 1902, and to March 14, 1903, respectively.

South Carolina has 3,198 ginneries; 788,797 square bales, 9,917 Sea Island crop bales and 798,714 commercial bales were handled.

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The supply bill passed by the house last week provides for taxes for Lancaster county as follows:

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The total tax in Gills Creek township will be 24½ mills, including the 4-mill graded school tax.

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Death has again favored Theodore Roosevelt. The death of McKinley placed him in the presidential chair and now the death of Senator Mark Hanna, who might have been nominated next June instead of Roosevelt, may give Roosevelt the nomination without opposition. Certain it is that the death of Hanna removes opposition to Roosevelt.

The scratch of a pin may cause the loss of a limb or even death when blood poisoning results from the injury. All danger of this may be avoided, however, by promptly applying Chamberlain's Pain Balm. It is an antiseptic and quick healing liniment for cuts, bruises and burns. For sale by J. F. Mackey & Co., druggists.

Mrs. Frank Mackey of Kershaw came up last week on a visit to her sister, Mrs. A. P. McLure.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Laney of Dudley came over Monday on a visit to their brother and sister, Dr. and Mrs. W. F. Laney.

Mr. J. T. Mackey left Monday for Camden to enter upon his duties as cashier in Camden's new bank. His family will not go down for the present.

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