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FOREWORD

THE chapters in this book deal with phases of the Russo-Japanese War with which I became acquainted last year while acting in the Far East as the special correspondent of the *Daily Mail*, and with subjects which a three years' residence in China gives me some authority to speak upon. Two of the chapters are amplified from articles that have appeared in the *Daily Mail*, and the one entitled "A Tragic Experience" appeared in a different form in the *Daily Telegraph*. To the proprietors of both these journals I am indebted for permission to republish the articles in question.

E. B.

March, 1905.

TO
SIR ALFRED HARMSWORTH
BART.

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CHAPTER I

PORT ARTHUR ON THE EVE OF WAR

ON the morning of February 8th, 1904, the Russian Pacific Squadron lay at anchor in the roadstead outside the harbour of Port Arthur. It was a glorious day of sunshine, and the chill air infused one with a vigour and an elation of spirit in direct harmony with the scene. The summits of the bare and rugged heights of the Liautung Peninsula glowed white in the dazzling light, while the forts on the spur known as Tiger's Tail stared out across the sea in grim defiance. Ten miles on the east side of the promontory was a cruiser at target practice, and the thunderous roll, minute by minute repeated, unconsciously preluded the more serious work which was so soon to follow.