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JAP SHELL STRIKES A RUSSIAN WARSHIP IN NEW SEA BATTLE

Fleets Met in a Short Engagement on Sunday, During Which Thirty Shells Were Exchanged and the Cruiser Diana Was Badly Crippled.

It is reported that later, the Russian Squadron eluded the Japanese, slipped out of the harbor and started to join ships at Vladivostok.

(By the Associated Press.)

TIENSIN, March 15.—A foreigner just arrived from Port Arthur reports that a short engagement took place between the Russian and Japanese fleets on Sunday last, the Russian protected cruiser Diana receiving some injuries. About twenty or thirty shells were exchanged.

The Imperial Chinese Railway Company is considering the withdrawal of its station force and all of its movable property from Newchwang.

SIGNIFICANT MOVE OF JAPS TO GUARD PLANS.

SEOUL, March 15.—The Japanese authorities have ordered the newspaper correspondents at Pingyang and Anju to return. They also refuse to honor the permits formerly given for correspondents to accompany troops to the front and are holding them at Seoul. This action is regarded as significant.

RUSSIAN FLEET MAKES DASH FOR VLADIVOSTOK.

(By the Associated Press.)

TOKIO, Tuesday, March 15.—It is strongly believed here that the Russian fleet abandoned Port Arthur after the fourth attack was made upon it by the Japanese fleet and is endeavoring to reach Vladivostok. Confirmation of this movement is not obtainable from any reliable source, but recent scouting in the vicinity of Port Arthur has failed to reveal the presence of any Russian war-ships.

It seems logical enough that the Russians should attempt a dash for Vladivostok, where it is possible to dock larger ships, effect a junction with their armored cruiser squadron and secure a base of operations while possessing adequate land defenses.

The hopelessness of continuing at Port Arthur is manifest, while a

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WE WILL OBEY THE LAW, SAYS THE MERGER KING

James J. Hill Declares There Is No Intention of Opposing the Decision of the United States Supreme Court—Action Being Planned This Afternoon.

James J. Hill, the head of the Northern Securities Company, which has been ruled by the United States Supreme Court to be an illegal combination, gave out the following authoritative statement this afternoon:

"Until the full official copies of the opinions and decree of the Supreme Court have been received and our attorneys have had an opportunity to advise as to our course of procedure the officers of the company can make no further announcement than to declare their purpose to promptly and fully follow the law as now interpreted."

No time is to be lost by the parties vitally interested in the Northern Securities in the formation of new plans dependent upon the action of the Supreme Court in its decision against the validity of the merger. A conference is being held to-day in Wall street at which there are present the legal representatives of the big financiers who created the merger and some of the master minds and the stockholders and bankers interested in the properties.

Mr. Hill gave the impression that there would be no effort made for a rehearing, though he referred to the famous Greenback case in which the Supreme Court reversed itself.

GOVERNMENT WILL NOT RUN AMUCK, SAYS KNOX.

WASHINGTON, March 15.—Great significance is attached to Attorney-General Knox's remark after the Northern Securities decision was read that the "Government does not intend to run amuck" in the wholesale prosecution of "combinations" which may be operating in violation of that decision.

In an interview after the decision was read, Attorney-General Knox said: "My views of the decision cannot be better expressed than in the language of one of the best-known railroad presidents in the United States"

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GONE.

GOING?

GONE.



John F. Cowan, Deputy.



Henry F. Haggerty, Deputy.

DID MAN ON LINER HAVE SMALL-POX?

Health Warden of Hoboken Makes Inquiry About Oscar Landsburg, Who Arrived Last Tuesday on Kaiser Wilhelm II.

Dr. W. T. Kudlich, Health Warden of Hoboken, has called upon the officers of the North German Lloyd line for information concerning the illness of Oscar Landsburg, a first cabin passenger on board the Kaiser Wilhelm II, when she arrived at her Hoboken pier last Tuesday. The ship sailed on her eastward voyage to-day.

ALLISON TELLS OF THE HOTEL WRECK

Member of the Company Which Constructed the Darlington Testifies at Inquest—Denies Architect Bogge's Story.

Eugene Allison, Secretary of the Allison Realty Company which constructed the Darlington Hotel, was a witness this afternoon at the investigation by the Coroner of the collapse of the building in which twenty-one persons were killed.

FOUR FAVORITES WIN FOR TALENT AT NEW ORLEANS

Miladi Love, Lev Dorsey, New Mown Hay and Tancred, Heavily Backed, Get Home in Front—Tom Olney Wins at Odds of 30 to 1.

RACE TRACK, NEW ORLEANS, March 15.—Four of the six events on to-day's card were cheap selling affairs, the fields being of very ordinary material. The feature event, a handicap at one mile and a sixteenth, had only four entered.

Arrangements have been made by several owners to ship their stables from here direct to Benning's to-morrow. After Viperine's sorry exhibition in the Crescent Stakes yesterday, Trainer Warden decided to hasten his departure for the North. He will leave with the H. & D. H. Morris string for Washington to-night.

Jockey Laundry, who rode for the Goughier Stable last spring, has signed a contract to ride for W. P. Reed during the coming season. G. Bauer will dispose of the entire stable which he is racing here for A. Featherstone.

Locket was first away and led to the middle of the far turn, where Miladi Love caught him and drew away when the stretch was reached. Jim Collins and Neither One contested every foot of the last quarter with her, but could not pass her. Archibute got away poorly and her race was below the mark.

Start good. Won easily. Time—1:22.5. One mile and a sixteenth.

"I did not trust him absolutely. I had not received notice from the department. The contract for the ironwork was let to Fole & Schwaninger on Aug. 15 and called for the construction according to the Neville & Bogge plans. The contract called for the iron and steel work to be done as approved by the Building Department according to the plans of Neville & Bogge."

SNIPPED OFF HER FINE TRESSES

Olivia Hardy Attacked and Overpowered in the Cellar of Her Home by Man Armed with Pair of Scissors.

To steal the long plait of golden hair from the head of Olivia Hardy, a pretty girl of fifteen, who lives at No. 775 Coney Island avenue, Brooklyn, a man concealed himself in the cellar to-day and attacked her with scissors.

With his free hand the man pulled the long golden plait from under the girl's body and then with deft fingers he began to clip the curls that were woven into the plait. He took the greatest care to clip the head as close to the scalp as the scissors could be pressed without wounding the flesh.

Girl Died, but Man Who Wanted to Marry Her Survived, and Making His Way to Police, Surrendered.

TROY, N. Y., March 15.—Joseph Dolget and Annie Kiernan, each twenty-three years old, drank carbonic acid together, and the girl is dead, while Dolget is in a serious condition.

MURPHY RETURNS HOME. But Tammany Leader Will Go South Later. Tammany Leader Charles F. Murphy returns to the city this evening, and will be at his desk in Tammany Hall to-morrow.

HAGGERTY IS OUT, M'ADOO MAY ALSO REMOVE M'AVOY

First the Resignation of the Deputy Commissioner for Brooklyn Was Requested, but He Declined to Give Up His Place Voluntarily and Was Forced Out.

HIS PEREMPTORY REMOVAL ANNOUNCED IN SHORT ORDER.

McAdoo Announces that the Reason for His Action Is Differences of Opinion Regarding Government of the Police Across the Bridge, Not Because of Politics.

Police Commissioner McAdoo removed Second Deputy Commissioner Henry F. Haggerty, of Brooklyn, to-day after Mr. Haggerty had refused to resign at the Commissioner's request.

Following so closely the resignation of Third Deputy Commissioner Cowan, the impression grows that Mr. Haggerty's removal means that Deputy Commissioner McAvoy will be the next to get out of the department.

Among politicians the removal of Mr. Haggerty is looked upon as a step in the fight for political supremacy in Brooklyn between Charles F. Murphy and Senator McCarren. Others say that Commissioner McAdoo was dissatisfied, not only with Deputy Commissioner Haggerty's administration of the police affairs of Brooklyn but with threats of action to be taken next summer at Coney Island and other seaside resorts against persons not in line with the McCarren machine.

The Evening World called up Senator McCarren in the Senate Chamber at Albany this afternoon and informed him of the removal of Deputy Commissioner Haggerty. When the circumstances had been explained to him he said:

"It is not surprising to me to hear that Mr. Haggerty refused to resign. I knew he would not resign. Further than this I have nothing to say just now. When I return to Brooklyn I may have a statement to give out concerning this matter. At this distance I am not prepared to say anything at all."

After putting Haggerty out of the department the Commissioner issued a statement. He insisted that his reasons for the action taken were neither personal nor political, but arose from a difference of opinion concerning the government of the police existing between himself and the Brooklyn deputy.

Mr. Haggerty was appointed to the Brooklyn Deputy Commissionership at the request of Senator McCarren. His removal at this time is undoubtedly a move in the political fight between Charles F. Murphy and Senator McCarren for the control of the Brooklyn Democratic machine.

In explanation of his removal Mr. Haggerty Commissioner McAdoo gave out the following formal statement:

COMMISSIONER M'ADOO'S STATEMENT.

"Because of a difference of opinion between Mr. Haggerty and myself as to the policy of police government in Brooklyn, which difference would prevent that sympathetic and cordial co-operation and confidence which is absolutely necessary between the Commissioner and his subordinates, I felt compelled for this and other police reasons, which are neither political nor personal, to ask for his resignation."

"This, he says, he feels compelled to refuse. Under those circumstances nothing is left for me but to exercise the powers vested in me by law, and the office is now vacant. The police government of Greater New York must be and remain, as long as I am here, uniform without reference to locality. Inspector McLaughlin will be in charge until I can find the proper man to take Mr. Haggerty's place. I will, however, give a good deal of personal attention to the affairs of the borough in the interim."

Commissioner McAdoo denied that the fight between Charles F. Murphy and Senator McCarren had anything to do with Deputy Haggerty's removal.

"I am the Police Commissioner," he said, "and, while politics have had nothing whatever to do with Mr. Haggerty's removal, he is out of the department for the good of the department. He was removed for good and sufficient reasons."

It was pointed out to the Commissioner that his refusal to give reasons was making matters worse in view of the many stories published regarding Mr. Haggerty.

"I cannot help that," he said, "I will not discuss that matter any further. Mr. Haggerty has gone."

POLICE TRIALS PUT OFF.

Delinquent policemen who appeared at the Brooklyn Police Headquarters to-day to be tried were told to appear next week, Tuesday. No reason was assigned for the postponement and the rumor became current that Deputy Commissioner Haggerty had been deposed by the power in Mulberry street. It was openly stated that the Deputy had been asked to resign and had reluctantly complied.

The Deputy Commissioner did not appear at Headquarters to deny the stories, but he was found at his office in the Phenix Building, shortly after noon by an Evening World reporter. This was about fifteen minutes before his deposition was reported.

He did not appear surprised at the excitement his absence had occasioned, but said that urgent private business had kept him from attending to his duties as trial judge.

"I knew last night," said Mr. Haggerty, "that I would be very late if I arrived at all this morning and at the last moment I telephoned my

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