

shell from the Sevastopol struck him in the abdomen, cutting his body in two.

Portions of Commander Yezoe's body were saved and brought back to the fleet. They will probably be sent to Japan for public burial.

Lieutenant Nakahara went to the rescue of the disabled torpedo boat which had been under the command of Lieutenant Nakahori, who, with five others, was killed, and met a deadly fire. Nakahara's boat was hit repeatedly, but he succeeded in rescuing a majority of the crew of Nakahori's boat.

More of Admiral Togo's men volunteered to take part in the attacks than could be assigned.

It is probable that Admiral Togo will soon return to Japan, leaving a junior admiral to conduct the final operations and to continue the blockade. It is expected that Togo will be summoned by the Emperor to Tokyo, where he will have public receptions.

Admiral Togo's campaign of ten months is considered equal to any in the history of naval warfare. He has labored constantly, under the necessity of preserving the vessels of his fleet for service against the Russian second Pacific squadron. The admiral and his men have stood storm, stress and exposure excellently. The men are in good health and exultant.

Telegraphing under date of December 18, Vice-Admiral Togo says:

There is no room left to doubt that the enemy in the harbor of Port Arthur are totally unfit for service. I have reason to believe that the battleship Sevastopol has been disabled by our attacks, but no definite data on which to base final judgment has yet been obtained, and investigations are being conducted in all available quarters.

It is certain that at least six Russian torpedo boat destroyers remain intact in the harbor. A staff officer of the naval brigade landed at Port Arthur reports as follows:

The battleship Peresvet is lying 200 metres northwest of the Tiger's Tail Peninsula, with her bow turned northeast, half north, and at high tide the water reaches to her stern walk, and lies aground, without listing. Her central funnel is severely damaged.

The battleship Poltava lies 200 metres north of the point of Tiger's Tail. Her bow points east-southeast, half east, and at high tide she is submerged to her afterdeck. She is doubtless aground, and does not list.

The battleship Rurik lies 100 metres east of the Poltava, her stern toward that vessel. Her condition is worse than that of the Poltava. She is listing five degrees to starboard, and her afterdeck is submerged.

The battleship Pobieda lies 220 metres north-east, half east, of the point of Tiger's Tail, with her bow pointing northeast, half north. Her afterdeck on the starboard side must be submerged at low tide. Everything seems to show that she is aground.

The protected cruiser Pallada lies 100 metres east by north of the Pobieda. Her stern is toward southwest, half south, and she is listed five degrees to port. At high tide the condition of her decks is about the same as the decks of the Peresvet. She is doubtless aground.

The above mentioned four battleships and two cruisers have been abandoned, and no boats are seen near them.

Vice-Admiral Togo, in reporting the renewal of the torpedo attack on the night of December 15, says:

Our torpedo flotilla again attempted an attack on the night of December 15 against the battleship Sevastopol, the coast defence vessel Otavshin, and the destroyers lying at the foot of Cheng-Tao Mountain.

Commander Seki's flotilla, having the heavy guns, reached the enemy's anchorage at 4:20 o'clock in the morning, and, running between the Sevastopol and a destroyer, succeeded in discharging torpedoes close against the Sevastopol and the Otavshin. Explosions were observed each time.

The flotilla exchanged gun fire with the enemy's destroyer at a range of a hundred metres, and succeeded in hitting her. A torpedo discharged from Commander Seki's boat apparently hit the enemy's destroyer.

During the bold attack the enemy's fusillade was exceedingly vigorous, but, owing to the close proximity, our boats suffered no damage, and there were no casualties among the crews.

Commander Jinguji's flotilla, following that of Commander Seki, discharged several torpedoes, and at least three explosions were clearly observed. After an exchange of fire with the enemy's destroyers, the flotilla gradually steered seaward. Engineer Watanabe, of Commander Jinguji's boat, was wounded, and two men were killed. One man was wounded on Lieutenant Tamaoka's boat.

The boats of the flotilla under Commander Yezoe were undergoing repairs when the flotilla received orders to join in the attack. Commander Yezoe then boarded a single craft, assuming command of her, and hurrying to the base found that the other flotillas had departed. Immediately he started along and independently attacked the Sevastopol. He approached close to that vessel and was killed. His boat safely returned to the base.

The result of many torpedo attacks and many effective explosions against the enemy's ships was observed, but it is regrettable that I am unable to report more definitely.

On the morning of December 18, the watch tower reported that a destroyer of the enemy, with a mast broken, was visible aground near the coast.

On the night of December 14 our torpedo flotillas made a gallant and brave series of attacks against the Russian turret Sevastopol.

The flotillas arrived outside the entrance to Port Arthur about midnight on that date. The leading flotilla, under Commander Uchida and a special torpedo boat, partly for attack and partly to reconnoitre, approached the Sevastopol at 1 o'clock, and under the searchlights and fire of the enemy's ships and shore batteries they attacked her.

A shell struck Commander Mitamura's torpedo boat, and four boats of Commander Nakamura's boat, wounding three sailors.

Subsequently our flotillas attacked, acting independently.

Flotilla A, Commander Kasama, advanced first for the purpose of destroying the defenses protecting the Sevastopol, and also to draw and divert the fire under the enemy's searchlights. Flotilla B, Commander Jinguji; Flotilla C, Com-

mander Otaki; Flotilla D, Commander Seki, and Flotilla E, Commander Kawase, approached successively and bravely continued the attacks from 2 until 4 o'clock in the morning.

Commander Otaki's flotilla approached the closest and delivered the most vigorous attack. While retreating, one torpedo boat received several shots simultaneously, her commander, Lieutenant Nakahori, and five others being killed. The boat lost her freedom of motion, and Lieutenant Nakahara's boat went to the rescue, and, despite the heavy fire, endeavored to save her. While towing the boat the enemy's shells severed the hawser. Lieutenant Nakahara's boat was also hit and one man killed. Subsequently several shells hit and almost disabled Lieutenant Nakahara's boat, forcing him to abandon his comrade ship, which was sinking. Lieutenant Nakahara, however, steamed back, rescued the crew and abandoned the torpedo boat to her fate.

Commander Kawase's boat, belonging to the same flotilla, was struck by a shell, killing one of the crew and wounding Lieutenant Takahashi and two sailors.

Lieutenant Shono's boat was hit and one of the crew killed and five wounded. The boat was temporarily disabled, but his comrade ships, with Lieutenants Watanabe and Mori commanding, protected and rescued her. All the other boats, bravely facing the enemy's fire, succeeded in delivering attacks without suffering any damage.

The result of their attacks is not definitely known, although it is evident that numerous torpedoes took effect.

The watch tower reporting on the following morning said that the Sevastopol had lowered at the bows considerably, facing toward south, southeast. Her condition is such that she does not change her position in the current. She is anchored close inshore in shallow water.

It is a source of satisfaction that our torpedo attacks were delivered without the least confusion. Each boat rendered material assistance to its comrades. The skilful maneuvering and bravery of the officers and men inspires me with a deep feeling of satisfaction and confidence.

YOYAMA REPELS ATTACKS.

Report from Headquarters—Dapindu Taken by Russians.

Tokio, Dec. 19.—Manchurian headquarters, in a report dated December 18, says:

On the night of December 17, between 8:20 and 11 o'clock, the enemy made three attacks against our outposts in the neighborhood of San-Tao-Kun-Tzu, and also advanced, at 1 o'clock in the morning, to the vicinity of Shin-Hun-Tun and Tung-Hai-Seng-Kou. The enemy was entirely repulsed.

The enemy, with heavy guns in the neighborhood of Su-Fang-Tai, beginning at 2:30 o'clock on the afternoon of December 18, fired eighty rounds from cannon against the neighborhood of the Shauke railway bridge, but the cannonade did not injure us.

Moulden, Dec. 19.—The village of Dapindu has been occupied after a sharp fight by a detachment of Russian infantry, Cossacks and Border guards under Belinske. Otherwise all has been quiet along the front.

Cossacks recently captured a Japanese officer dressed in a Russian uniform as he was quietly riding along the Russian front. He saluted as he passed the Cossacks, speaking perfect Russian, but the Cossacks, suspecting something wrong, tried to stop him. He bolted, but afterward was captured.

Huan-Shan, Dec. 19.—It is reported that a new form of sickness has broken out among the Japanese, resembling the bubonic plague.

The intense cold of the last few days has obliged the Japanese to abandon some of their advance posts, and Russian scouts have been able to raid clear to the Japanese main positions. A Japanese observation balloon was seen today reconnoitering the Russian front.

CHINESE TELL OF TOGO'S LOSSES.

Report at Tien-Tsin of Four Japanese Torpedo Boats Sunk.

Tien-Tsin, Dec. 19.—A junk which arrived here today from Port Arthur reports that four Japanese torpedo boats were sunk in the attacks on the Russian battleship Sevastopol, which, they say, has now sought refuge under Golden Hill. The Japanese, the Chinese add, are spreading false reports of their successes in order to negotiate fresh loans abroad.

DEAD PILED IN HEAPS.

Japanese Version of Assault on 203-Metre Hill.

Che-Foo, Dec. 19.—A Japanese camp follower who saw a part of the fighting at 203-Metre Hill and who arrived here from Dalny today, says that Commander Mizzenoff's description of the fighting is not exaggerated. He believes, however, that the Russian losses were heavier than stated by Commander Mizzenoff, as the Russians repeatedly brought up reinforcements until it seemed that the entire garrison must have been in that section.

The Russian dead, he said, were indiscriminately mingled with the heaps of Japanese dead. The slope of 203-Metre Hill, being very steep and smooth, the Japanese prepared for their advance by shooting the hillside. The shells exploding made footholds. In some instances the Japanese found protection behind the heaps of their own dead.

RUSSIANS PASS CAPE TOWN.

Some of Rojstvensky's Warships Sighted Heading Eastward.

Cape Town, Dec. 19.—Some warships of the Russian second Pacific squadron passed Cape Town this afternoon, bound eastward.

HARD TIMES IN SAGHALIEN.

Korsakovsk, Saghalien, Dec. 19.—Ice is forming along the mainland, heavy snowstorms have swept over the island, and the price of food is increasing.

CZAR'S TRIP POSTPONED.

POPULAR FEELING HIGH.

More Disorders in Moscow—Liberals Grooving Bolder.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 19.—The Emperor's name day passed without any untoward demonstrations in St. Petersburg, but was marked by a continuation of the Moscow disorders, although they were not so serious as on Sunday.

The feature of the Moscow demonstration of the distribution of a violent proclamation of the Social Democratic Labor party, describing the whole country as being in mourning for the sacrifice of life in the Far East for the aggrandizement of the Romanoffs, picturing the government as driving the people to starvation, and calling upon workmen to enter ceaselessly upon a war for overthrowing the tyrants.

Other demonstrations are reported from various localities.

In consequence of the character of the current agitation, the advisers of Emperor Nicholas have dissuaded him from his contemplated trip to the South of Russia to bid farewell to troops ordered to the Far East.

As an indication of the temerity of some of the extreme Liberals in the campaign now waging, 108 of the leading writers for "Russian Fatherland," "Our Life" and other Liberal papers of St. Petersburg, have openly drawn up an indictment against the action of the police at the demonstration in the Nevsky Prospect on December 11, which has been sent to Russian revolutionary papers in Germany, Switzerland and France for publication. The names attached to this indictment include Karabevsky, the attorney for the assassin Sazonoff; Milnikoff, who recently made a trip in the United States; Kerlenkoff and other well known writers.

As a means of keeping the people roused, the university students are trying to persuade some lawyers to bring criminal suits against individual policemen and dvoriniks, who struck rioters in the course of the Nevsky Prospect affair.

Conservatives are afraid that the ill-advised course of the Extremists will drive the government to adopt repressive measures just when a distinct victory over the reactionaries had been won and a Liberal regime had been started. The renewed activity in revolutionary circles has already caused many arrests.

Moscow, Dec. 19.—The Armenians of this city at a reunion last night made a big anti-government demonstration, in which students took part.

Rostoff-on-Don, Dec. 19.—Local representatives of all the professions and the various ranks of life, including workmen, many women being present, have held a dinner here, at which speeches were made in favor of imperial reform, liberty of speech, education of the masses and amnesty to political prisoners. Resolutions analogous to those passed by the zemstvo conference at St. Petersburg were adopted. There were no disorders.

Kief, Dec. 19.—The Governor has issued a proclamation announcing that Emperor Nicholas has conferred on the heads of military districts in which martial law is in effect the power of trying by court-martial all officers in charge of troops who commit excesses punishable by penal servitude under the military codes. The officers are thus held responsible for the conduct of their men.

PLAGUE APPEARS IN RUSSIA.

Many Cases Reported in Factories Making Fur Coats for Troops.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 19.—The Governor of Viatka reports a serious outbreak of Siberian plague in factories in the districts of Viatka and Slobodskoi, where fur coats are made for the troops in Manchuria. Two hundred and forty-seven cases have already been reported. The plague has been traced to sheepskins, and the delivery of fur garments to the troops has been suspended.

Viatica is a government in Northeastern Russia. The town of Viatica, capital of the government, is 653 miles northeast of Moscow. It has a population of 23,000. Slobodskoi is twenty miles from Viatica. Its population numbers about 8,000.

RUSSIAN DELEGATES AT PARIS.

Admiral Davis Unable to Reach Capital Before Tuesday.

Paris, Dec. 19.—The Russian delegates to the international commission which is to inquire into the North Sea incident reached the Northern Railroad Station at 4 o'clock this afternoon. A large party of Russian and French officials met the train, a crowd assembled on the platform and considerable enthusiasm was shown.

The American Embassy is advised that Admiral Davis, who is a passenger on the Finland, will be unable to reach Paris before Tuesday morning.

President Loubet will receive the admirals in full uniform at 12:45 o'clock on Tuesday, and the Foreign Minister, M. Delcasse, will give a breakfast to the commission at 5 o'clock, the sessions thereupon beginning.

Dover, Dec. 19.—Rear Admiral Charles H. Davis, U. S. N., who is to represent the American government on the international commission at Paris has altered his plans, and instead of leaving the steamer Finland here, remained on board and has gone to Antwerp.

London, Dec. 19.—The representatives of the Board of Trade who are investigating the Dogger Bank affair resumed their sessions in London today. The individual claims for compensation of the men employed on the Hull trawlers were presented, and also the claims of the owners of the fishing boats and the solicitors' costs.

FOR JAPANESE WAR VICTIMS.

Clergymen and College Presidents Join in Appeal for Widows and Orphans.

An appeal for money to be used in relieving the sufferings of widows and orphans in Japan who have been left destitute as a result of the ravages of the war in the Far East is being sent out by a committee largely composed of clergymen and presidents of universities, who have been urged to take action by recent representations made by Christian workers in the mission fields of Japan. The mission workers declare that while it is not doubted that Japan will do everything in her power to relieve actual suffering among the widows and children of soldiers killed in the war, every charitable agency in Japan is taxed to the utmost, and outside help appears to be legitimate.

While the committee with headquarters in this city is being asked for contributions, arrangements are being made to form a relief committee for the anxious distribution of the fund in Japan, under the oversight of Bishop Harris, who is now on his way to the Orient. All contributions are to be sent to the Franklin Trust Company, No. 10 Broadway, which acts as treasurer of the fund.

The signers of the appeal are the following: Seth Low, chairman executive committee; Bishop Coatsworth, Dean H. Green, President Charles C. Butler, Dean Hall, Union Theological Seminary; M. C. Harris, Methodist Episcopal Bishop for Japan and Korea; the Rev. Dr. W. B. Huntington, President Woodrow Wilson; Bishop J. S. Johnston, Wayland Hall; the Rev. Dr. Rowell Dwight Harris, R. C. C., cutting; the Rev. Rowell Colyer, Bishop Thomas Ford; President Jacob Gould Schurman, A. S. H. C.; Dean J. H. Wainwright, Dr. W. H. P. Faunce, A. S. H. C.; Dean J. H. Wainwright, Dr. W. H. P. Faunce, A. S. H. C.; the Rev. Dr. David James Burrell, John H. Converse, Cleveland; Judge, the Rev. Dr. George Alexander, the Rev. Dr. Howard Agnew, Jonathan George William Knox, William Elliott Griffin, Warren Clark, Bishop, the Rev. Dr. Henry A. Buttz, the Rev. Dr. Wilton, the Rev. Dr. J. S. Johnston, the Rev. Dr. Southard and Benjamin F. Buck, secretary, No. 100 Fifth-ave.

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Restrictions on Foreigners in Trade with Canal Zone and Cuba Proposed.

Washington, Dec. 19.—If the recommendations of the Merchant Marine Commission are carried into effect there will be no further opportunity for such misunderstandings regarding the transportation of supplies for the Panama Canal as that which occurred with regard to the lumber shipped to the isthmus by the Ballington Bay Lumber Company.

Mr. Gallinger has introduced in the Senate a bill providing that all supplies, machinery and equipment for the construction or operation of the canal shall be transported between ports of the United States and the canal zone exclusively in American bottoms. This measure has the support of the Merchant Marine Commission, and an effort is to be made to place it on the statute books at this session of Congress.

It was the belief of the commission and of Senator Gallinger that the coastwise laws of the United States, which forbid foreign vessels to engage in transportation between the ports of this country, should be extended to include the canal zone. Inquiry, however, revealed the fact that, in the opinion of the administration, this could not be done, for the reason that, while the United States exercises sovereignty over the canal zone, it does not own it. Senator Gallinger then prepared the measure he introduced, which would accomplish almost the same purpose as the extension of the coastwise laws.

As it was regarded as important that this measure should become a law immediately, it was deemed best not to incorporate its provisions in the general bill which will be reported by the commission. That measure, being more comprehensive, may cause considerable debate, and it is by no means certain that it will become a law at this session of Congress. The Gallinger bill is, however, brief and simple, and it is the hope of its author and of the commission that it will receive favorable consideration at an early date. The only objection to this legislation thus far advanced is that it will materially increase the cost of the canal, but, as the general policy of the Republican party is to encourage the American merchant marine, it is maintained that this consideration will not be permitted to stand in the way.

A further recommendation of the Merchant Marine Commission will be that a treaty agreement be effected with Cuba, by which commerce between the new republic and the United States shall be transported only in American and Cuban bottoms. It is pointed out in the report of the commission that such a provision might easily have been incorporated in the Cuban reciprocity treaty, but was overlooked. It is suggested that it be incorporated in a commercial treaty with Cuba now in process of negotiation. While Cuba has comparatively few vessels, it is argued that such an arrangement would tend to the upbuilding of the Cuban merchant marine and would have a most beneficial effect on the American marine. In the hearings of the Merchant Marine Commission several experts testified that the restriction of the commerce between Cuba and the United States to Cuban and American bottoms would prove of the utmost value in the development of American shipping, and the report of the commission will urgently recommend that steps to that end be taken.

RUSSIA PLANS NEW NAVY.

To Expend \$200,000,000, It Is Said Studying Italian Ships.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 19.—A Russian naval commission, the chief of which is Major General A. Bryuk, of the royal naval artillery, is visiting Italian shipyards, studying the best types of ships to be found here and the speediest methods of construction. The members of the commission assert that Russia intends to rebuild her entire navy, beginning with thirty battleships and cruisers and two hundred torpedo boats, the total cost being estimated at \$200,000,000. It seems to be the purpose of the St. Petersburg government to build ships for the Baltic squadron in Germany and the remainder of the fleet in Italy, so as to have them ready for the Mediterranean Sea.

As it is not expected that the ships will be completed before the close of the war in the Far East, there will be no infringement of Italy's neutrality.

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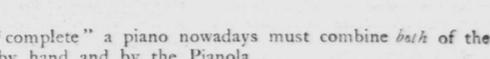
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