



NOT A HIT, NOT A RUN. NO BASEBALL IN BRONX.

Queens and Richmond Rooters Weep—No Brooklyn League Game.

Sunday baseball in The Bronx and ruffianism on elevated trains were hit hard, to use a baseball expression, yesterday, when the police in all precincts, excepting Captain Wendel's, acting in accordance with Corporation Council DeLany's recent decision and the orders of Police Commissioner McArdoo, stopped all bat and ball games, whether for fun or money, with a relentless hand.

Although the National League game scheduled for Washington Park had been called off by President Elberts, the police in Brooklyn yesterday were kept busy carrying out the orders of Commissioner McArdoo to allow no baseball games for which any fee was exacted. A dozen or more games in various parts of the borough were stopped, but arrests were made in only a few cases.

Captain David Evans, of the 4th-ave. station, did not content himself with warning teams not to play, but waited until they had started and then arrested the players and managers. He stopped three games and made sixty-seven arrests. The general impression was that he had made the wholesale arrests with the idea of making the enforcement of the law against Sunday baseball unpopular.

The Bay Ridge and St. Peter's athletic clubs were playing at 51st-st. and 2d-ave. Ball for the twenty-two men arrested at this game was furnished by Deputy Fire Commissioner Doyle.

Michael O'Grady, manager of St. John's Athletic Club, and Frank Mulrennen, manager of the Washington Field Club, and twenty-one others connected with the teams, which were playing a game at Ambrose Park, at 3d-ave. and 25th-st., were arrested. Ball for them was furnished by William Heffernan, a contractor.

Ball teams from the Church of the Visitation, in Red Hook Point, and St. Michael's Church, 4th-ave. and 44th-st., were playing a game at 47th-st. and 2d-ave., when Captain Evans and twenty men put an end to it. They arrested several men, including John Joyce, manager of the Visitation team, and John Brennan, manager of St. Michael's.

"Iron Man" McGinnity, of the National League, was advertised to pitch for the Visitation team, but before the game began he learned that arrests would be made.

The police of the Atlantic-ave. station stopped a game between the Ufca Club and the Howard Athletic Club, at St. John's Place and Rochester-ave. Hundreds, and in some cases several thousand, spectators had gathered to see the various games, and the interference of the police was not taken kindly. In one or two instances riots were narrowly averted.

Most of the East Side goes to The Bronx to play baseball on Sunday. The police stopped games not only in public parks, but in open lots. Conspicuous among these were the young men armed with bats, gloves and balls who trooped to parks and lots in the early morning, only to be warned that they would be arrested if they tried to play.

All day long crowds of boys and men went north on the 2d and 3d ave. elevated trains, only to return later with unused bats, balls and gloves. In Crotona Park several thousand persons gathered to witness a ball game. The players were about to take their places when Captain Ferris warned them that arrests would follow any attempt to play. His threat was effective. Inspector Molusky, in charge of The Bronx, was on hand to uphold Captain Ferris.

All days long disconsolate ball players wandered about the borough, being kept on the move, until at last many crossed over into the 24th precinct, controlled by Captain Wendel.

No games were allowed on the grounds of the Catholic Protectors of St. John's College. Every Sunday there has been a game held there. Yesterday cards announced that until further notice there would be no more Sunday games.

Captains Burfield, of West Chester; Ferris, of Tremont; Ward, of Alexander-ave.; Manion, of Morrisania; Deery, of Bronx Park, and Schlottman, of Kingsbridge, construe their orders as stopping all Sunday games of baseball. Captain Wendel contends that so long as the games are orderly and there is no admission charged or money taken by selling score cards there is nothing in the recent order compelling him to stop ball playing in his precinct. Long Island City, expected to see a game between the Glenwoods and a team from Brooklyn stopped, but were apparently disappointed. The grounds are not enclosed, and no admission fee could be charged, but there is a newly erected grand stand which seats several hundred people, entrance to which was obtained only by the payment of a small fee. The game was played without interference from the police of the 7th Precinct.

The 7th Precinct, in Newtown, was expected to be the storm centre of the Sunday baseball crusade in Queens, as the largest crowd in the borough, sometimes running over ten thousand, gather every Sunday at the Ridgewood ball fields. Captain Alonzo had no opportunity to stop a game as neither of the teams scheduled to play appeared.

All baseball games, even the amateur ones, were called off in Richmond Borough owing to the threat of the police to obey Commissioner McArdoo's order literally. There was no effort to enforce any other Sunday law. The two beaches ran wide open and beer was freely sold without a meal.

CAPTURE TRAIN ROBBER. Express Messenger and Engineer Get \$1,000 Reward Each.

St. Paul, May 28.—Express Messenger Laub and Engineer Wilson to-day received \$1,000 each for capturing a man who held up the eastbound North Coast Line Limited train last night on the Northern Pacific Railroad near Bearmouth, Mont. The robber had blown open the safe with twenty-five pounds of dynamite, when Laub knocked the robber senseless with a piece of iron. The robber was bound and taken to Drummond. He remained unconscious all day. This is the third hold-up of the same train near Bearmouth.

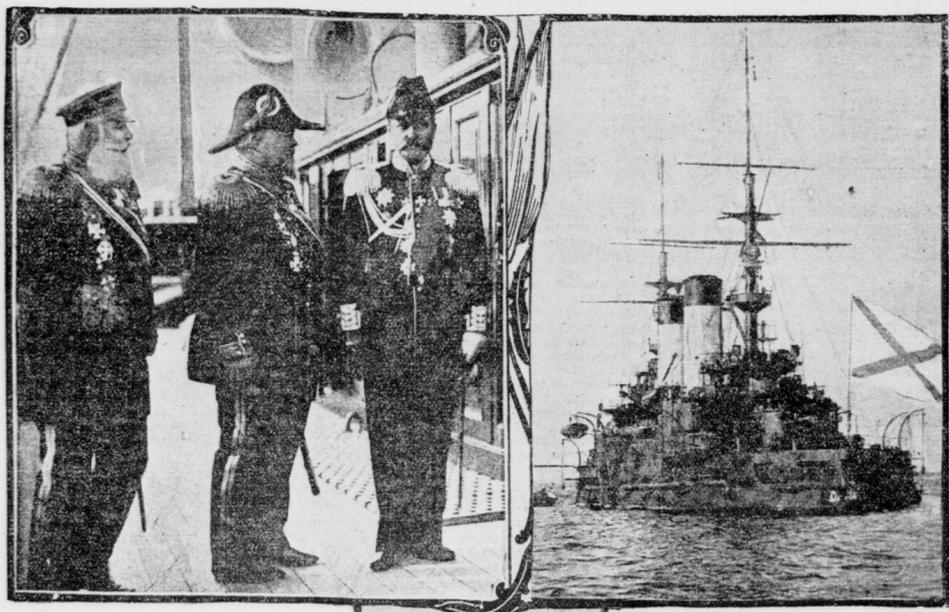
The robber forced Wilson to crawl into the car ahead of him and the messenger to follow Wilson. As soon as they were in the car, the bandit forced Wilson to strike a match. Wilson saw Laub ready to hit the robber with a piece of broken car. Wilson immediately blew the match out and the express messenger struck the robber and knocked him out.

The railway company has wired congratulations and mailed each man a check for \$1,000 in recognition of his services.

UNIQUE WEDDING PRESENTS.

Silver, cut glass, bronzes, hall clocks, electroliers, Mermod, Jaccard & King, at Number 400 Fifth Avenue. Catalog of jewels, silverware, etc., free—Adv.

COMMANDERS OF THE HOSTILE FLEETS AND ONE OF THE SUNKEN BATTLESHIPS. ADMIRALS ENQUIST, VOELKERSAM AND ROJESTVENSKY. THE BORODINO, FIRST CLASS BATTLESHIP, 13,516 TONS DISPLACEMENT, 740 MEN.



WOMAN TO FIGHT MACHINE

School Commissioner in Westchester Determined on Third Term.

The Republican organization of Westchester County is confronted with the delicate problem of whether or not the third term rule shall apply to Miss Bertha E. H. Berbert, of Hastings-on-Hudson, who is serving as school commissioner of the second district. Miss Berbert is serving her second term. She is the only woman who has ever been elected to any office on the Republican county ticket. As a commissioner Miss Berbert has been popular among the teachers of the county.

When Miss Berbert heard of the plan to drop her she said:

"They can't fool me. This third term business is only a scheme they have to lay me on the shelf. I won't let them 'Osterize' me without a struggle. I'll get out and rally my friends, and some one will think that he has touched a live electric wire before we get through."

Miss Berbert has learned that Mr. Tompkins, at Hastings, is at the head of the movement to beat her for the nomination. She says that though her brother she is going to contest the primaries which he held last week, because he had only one set of tickets printed, on which the names of persons favorable to her renomination were left off. Miss Berbert says she knew what was going on because she was outside the building while the primary was being held. Many of her friends, she says, went away without voting when they found that she was not getting a square deal.

Miss Berbert went to W. L. Ward, Republican National Committeeman and chairman of the Westchester Republican Committee. Mr. Ward scented trouble and decided that he would keep aloof. He wrote Miss Berbert a consoling letter.

Her dealings with John J. Brown, the Republican leader of White Plains, were equally unsatisfactory. He told her that under the unwritten law of the party regarding third terms she would have to be dropped.

"What do I care about these silly political rules?" retorted Miss Berbert. "They are only an excuse you politicians have when you want to get rid of people you don't want. The people of my district should have something to say. They have voted for me twice and will do so again if they get the chance. Why don't you put your third term screws on those who have been holding office since I was a girl?"

Miss Berbert went from Mr. Brown's office more than ever determined to fight. There are about three hundred women teachers in Westchester County, and they are almost solidly in favor of her renomination.

SKIPPED ROPE TO DEATH.

Brooklyn Child's Efforts to Beat Others Caused Convulsions.

Little Madeline Russell, aged six, skipped a rope to death yesterday afternoon, and last evening, in front of her parents' home, at No. 130 North 10th-st., Brooklyn, a crowd of playmates gathered and wept. Yesterday afternoon the child entered into a rope-skipping contest with her playmates, and she outskipped the other children. For nearly two hours the children skipped and Madeline continued to defeat the rest in many contests.

Finally Madeline said that she felt ill and was going home. She crossed the street slowly, and as she ascended the stoop and flight of stairs leading to her home she grew weak, and after she burst into the room where her mother was she fell to the floor and was seized with convulsions. For a half hour her parents worked over her in a vain effort to bring her to. A messenger was dispatched for a physician, but before his arrival the little girl was dead. When her playmates heard of it they at once gave up rope skipping and crowded about the entrance to her home and cried. The children of the neighborhood began to take up a collection last evening, and with the money collected flowers will be purchased to adorn the grave.

"A — OF A SCREECHER."

Message to Constable—Arrest of William Williams Result.

Waterford, N. J., May 28.—William Williams, of New-York, was the first victim of the new law regulating the running of automobiles which Governor Stokes signed last Friday. He was halted by Constable Bates, who had received a telephone message from Overbrook, several miles above, to look out for "a — of a screecher." The constable had little trouble in stopping Mr. Williams' machine. The owner was taken before Justice of the Peace Boogar, who imposed a fine of \$20 and costs.

RAISE OF WAGES A SURPRISE.

Pittsburg, May 28.—Jones & Laughlin advanced the wages of all day workers at their plants, on Saturday, from 7 to 10 per cent. The men received the amount of the increase in their pay, no previous announcement having been made. Two weeks ago the furnace workers received a 7 per cent raise.

AMERICAN SHIP SUNK.

Russians Think Action Taken to Prevent Escape of News.

Washington, May 28.—Confirmation has been received here from Shanghai of the press report that the Russian warships have sunk an unknown American merchant ship off the Chinese coast.



ADMIRAL TOGO.

FIRE IN STEAMER'S HOLD

Old Dominion Boat Returns to Norfolk for Aid.

Norfolk, Va., May 28.—A serious fire is tonight raging in the forward hold of the Old Dominion Line steamer Hamilton, and if the hold does not become too hot before morning no further attempt will be made to extinguish the flames to-night. The steamer is in no immediate danger.

The flames were discovered to-day while the ship was between Hog Island and Winter Quarter Lightship, on her way from Norfolk to New-York, after leaving here at 4 o'clock this morning with a large miscellaneous cargo. When dense clouds of smoke were seen coming out of the forward hold the ship was at once stopped and the crew set to work to fight the fire. The hatches were opened and steam was poured into the hold, but the fire was so hot the crew were driven back. They, however, worked heroically and succeeded in getting the fire under partial control.

As Norfolk was closer than New-York, Captain Boaz turned the Hamilton back and raced for port. All the way in the crew fought the flames, and when the ship docked they were exhausted.

By means of the wireless on the Hamilton the local office was advised of the fire and tug met the steamer. A volunteer crew relieved the regular crew of the Hamilton and the Merritt Wrecking Company furnished a steamer.

MAD DOG CAUSES PANIC.

Bit Four-Year-Old Child and Policeman Before It Was Shot.

A dog supposed to be mad broke loose among a number of children playing in the streets at 44th-st. and 2d-ave. yesterday afternoon, and before the animal could be killed it had bitten a four-year-old boy and a policeman and put a temporary stop to a sacred concert. Howard Spedon, of No. 230 East 64th-st., was the tiny victim of the enraged bull terrier. The dog was a tramp, and ran, snarling and snarling, among a group of twelve or fourteen children, who scattered in terror. With foaming mouth and flanks lathered as with soap suds, the dog then darted up some steps to where several women were sitting, with a number of small children playing about. In this group was Howard Spedon, and the dog imbedded its teeth in the child's face before he could be beaten off. The child fell backward, the dog still clinging to its face. It was finally driven away. It was cornered at last and shot by a policeman.

Dr. Squires, of the Presbyterian Hospital, cauterized Howard Spedon's wounds.

RUSSIA

Running Fight North.

German Concession Hears of Battle Off Oki Islands.

Tsing-Chau, May 29.—There is a running naval engagement between the Russian and Japanese fleets in the Strait of Corea, near the islands of Oki.

It is reported that the whole Russian fleet is not participating, all the slower vessels having steamed around Japan.

The Japanese losses, so far as stated to be one cruiser and ten torpedo boats.

A telegram from Chinese sources says that in the naval battle in the Strait of Corea on Saturday and Sunday the Russians have probably lost two battleships and two cruisers. This report has not been confirmed.

The Oki Islands are a group in the Sea of Japan about three hundred miles northeast of the Korean Strait and about fifty miles from the Japanese mainland.

THE PEKING VERSION.

Russians Defeated and Fleeing to the Northward.

London, May 29.—The correspondent of "The Morning Post" at Shanghai says that a telegram has been received there from Peking announcing that Rojostvensky's fleet has been de-

THE SECOND EMPIRE.

A new fast train on the New York Central leaves Grand Central Station 2:30 P. M., arrives Albany 5:20, Utica 7:14, Syracuse 8:22, Rochester 9:26, Buffalo 11:30 P. M. No excess fare.—Adv.

JAPAN WINS AT SEA.

The Entire Russian Fleet Reported Disabled or Dispersed.

SIX WARSHIPS SUNK BY TOGO.

Japan's continued control of the sea is as sured if a dispatch to "The London Daily Mail" from Tokio proves true. Admiral Rojostvensky's fleet, the telegram said, was shattered in the Korean Strait, all the warships being disabled or dispersed. The message added that the Japanese were in pursuit.

Official confirmation of a Japanese victory was contained in advices to the State Department at Washington. The Japanese government announced merely that its fleet had met the Russians in the Korean Strait and had held them. Two Russian battleships, the Orel and the Borodino, three cruisers and a repair ship were reported sunk.

Firing was heard at Shanghai, to the northward, and it is possible that a Japanese squadron was detached to engage the three battleships and three cruisers reported in that region. The distance from Shanghai to the Korean Strait is about six hundred miles, too far for the Russians to have travelled after the action on Saturday.

RUMORS OF RUNNING ACTION IN THE SEA OF JAPAN.

London, May 29.—The Tokio correspondent of "The Daily Mail" says that the Russian fleet has been dispersed, that several Russian ships have been disabled and that the remainder are in flight, with the Japanese pursuing.

Washington, May 28.—A dispatch was received at the State Department to-day saying that the Japanese government had made the announcement that its fleet had engaged the Russians in the Strait of Corea on Saturday and had held them.

The Japanese consul at Nagasaki, in a dispatch to the State Department to-day, says that the Japanese have sunk a Russian battleship, four other warships and a repair ship in the Strait of Corea. The Borodino is mentioned as one of the ships reported sunk.

The following is the text of the Nagasaki dispatch to the State Department:

Nagasaki, May 28.—Japanese sunk the Russian battleship Borodino and four more warships and a repair ship.

The other dispatch read as follows:

Tokio, May 27.—Japanese fleet engaged the Baltic squadron this afternoon in the Straits of Tsu-Shima, which was held; cannonading heard from shore.

From information which has been received in Washington to-day, it is believed that two of the Russian ships reported to have been sunk in the Korean Strait by the Japanese are the Orel and her sister ship, the Borodino. They are battleships of 13,516 tons.

The three other vessels reported sunk are believed to have been cruisers, the remaining one being a repair ship.

The Japanese Minister, M. Takahira, has received a dispatch from Tokio saying in effect that the fighting in the naval battle thus far has been with favorable prospects to the Japanese. The Minister's dispatch is from private sources.

The belief in naval circles in Washington is that the Japanese resorted to the free use of their torpedo boats in their attacks on the vessels of Admiral Rojostvensky's fleet. The Japanese have a large number of these craft, and they demonstrated their effectiveness in the operations around Port Arthur. Naval officials here to-night express the opinion that it was unlikely that such serious losses as those reported could have been inflicted by ordinary fire.

Paris, May 28.—The "Temps" prints a dispatch from Rome saying that the Italian Minister of Marine, Admiral Miraballo, has received a cable message from Che-Foo giving a rumor that a most fierce battle has been fought, in which both combatants suffered serious losses.

Che-Foo, May 28 (noon).—Private telegrams from Corea to the Japanese consul here say that a battle was going on yesterday afternoon at or near the Korean Strait, between the main part of the Russian squadron and the Japanese fleet under command of Admiral Togo.

Telegrams almost identical with the above have been received here, and announce that a large part of the Russian fleet was sighted approaching the Korean Strait on Saturday, headed for the channel between the Esu Islands and the Japanese coast.

According to the best information received here recently, the main portion of Admiral Togo's fleet has been almost constantly at Masanpo Bay.

TOGO'S VICTORY GREAT.

News of Russian Disaster Said to Have Reached London.

London, May 29.—According to "The Daily Telegraph," a private telegram was received in London last night in a very high quarter, to the effect that Vice-Admiral Togo had gained a great victory.

"The Times's" Tokio correspondent says that telegrams from apparently trustworthy sources show that Admiral Rojostvensky approached Tsu Island in the forenoon of May 27 during a fog, which cleared up in the afternoon, when the Russians were sighted by the Japanese. The battle began between 2 and 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

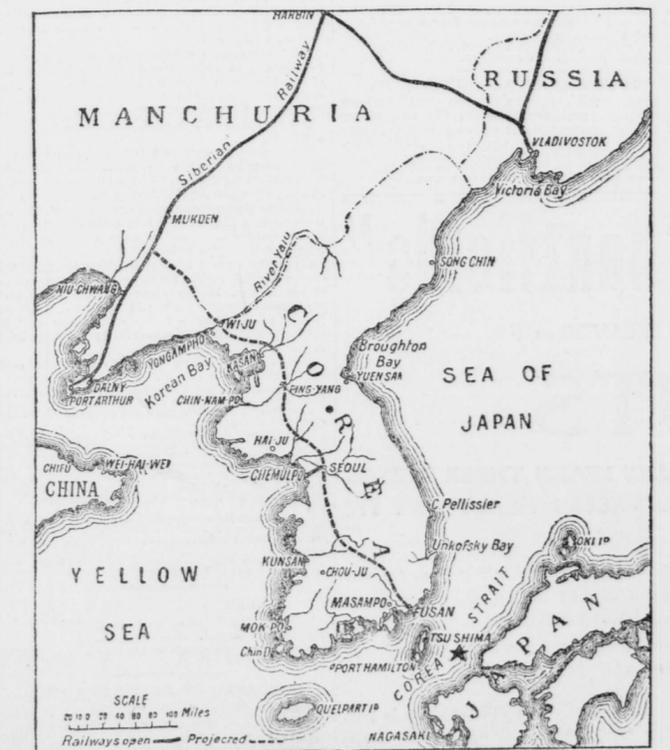
A dispatch to "The Times" from Paris says that a private telegram from Che-Foo, probably from Russian sources, reports that Rojostvensky began to force a passage of the Corea Straits on Saturday night, without lights, in two lines, one on each side of Tsu Island. Heavy firing is said to have been heard in the strait between 9:30 and 10:30 o'clock at night, when it ceased.

The same dispatch says one of Rojostvensky's ships returned to Kiao-Chau on Friday night, having been badly damaged by a collision with another ship.

The secrecy maintained at Tokio apparently extends to the European legations. At any rate Baron Hayashi, the Japanese Minister here, declined to see newspaper correspondents.

The indications from many of the dispatches are that Rojostvensky sent some of his vessels through Tsugaru Strait with the view of mystifying the Japanese.

A dispatch to a news agency says that two



LOCATION OF TSU ISLANDS, WHERE GREAT NAVAL BATTLE WAS FOUGHT. The star indicates the reported position of Rojostvensky's fleet Saturday noon.