

Russian warships were sighted Sunday afternoon at Masuki (Mashiki?) in Shiyari Province, Hokkaido, steering southwest, but it is not known whether they belonged to Rojestvensky or whether they were from Vladivostok.

It is assumed here that the Japanese government will follow its customary plan not to allow details to be published until the action has been completed, and it is believed that the fight has been of a running character.

"The Daily Telegraph" Tokyo correspondent says that an intermittent fog prevailed in the Sea of Japan on Saturday. It occasionally lifted, when there was brilliant sunshine. A high wind prevailed, with a rough sea.

The Russian ships were first sighted at 10 o'clock in the morning approaching Tsu Island under cover of a fog, which, however, lifted and the squadron retired. This squadron, it is believed, consisted of six first class ships, and, according to information received, twenty-one more Russian warships were not far away.

Nothing definite is known, however, says the correspondent, and the authorities merely reported that cannonading was proceeding. It has now been discovered, the correspondent continues, that Rojestvensky's ships coaled along the coast of the island of Luzon on May 22, and that on the following day they cruised about north of Luzon and transferred large quantities of bunker coal from colliers. Then Rojestvensky decided to divide his fleet into several parts.

He went through the Bashee Straits and steamed in a northeasterly direction. On the morning of May 25 the Russians were southwest of the Liu-Kiu Islands, and the slow converted cruisers and transports were sent to Hanzhal, while the main squadron went to Tsu Island.

The Tokyo correspondent of "The Daily Mail" says that fifteen of Rojestvensky's ships appeared east of Tsu Island at 2:45 o'clock on Saturday morning, while at 10 o'clock that morning the fleet was passing ten miles southeast of Tansuki (Kosaki?) and that cannonading was heard.

FEARS RISE IN RUSSIA.

Emperor Greatly Distressed by Reports of Losses.

St. Petersburg, May 28. 2:15 a. m.—In this momentous hour the Emperor, the Admiralty and the Russian public are waiting breathlessly for the Japanese to furnish authentic news of the fate of Vice-Admiral Rojestvensky and his fleet, in which the hopes of the Russians are centered. The official disposition is to continue Tokio's silence favorably, but at the same time the strategic reason for such silence is recognized. The public, after the premature revelation of Saturday night, is inclined to jubilate its attitude and to become pessimistic.

The report sent to Washington by the American consul at Nagasaki of the sinking of five Russian warships, including a battleship and repair ship, was accepted as the most definite and most authentic piece of news received up to midnight, and produced a bad impression. The fear was expressed that the battleship sunk might have been Rojestvensky's flagship, the Kiaz Souvaroff, on which the Japanese would undoubtedly concentrate their fire.

The sinking of the repair ship Kamotahaka, which was filled with the most modern machinery, might, it was thought, prove later to be a more severe loss than that of a warship, but at the Admiralty, where crowds congregated yesterday (Sunday) afternoon and evening, the opinion was expressed that if Rojestvensky had cleared the gateway to the Sea of Japan with no greater loss than that reported by the American consul, the passage had not been dearly purchased, especially if later reports should prove that the Japanese losses were anything like equal proportions.

Probably no one in Russia displayed such intense anxiety as the Emperor. Early yesterday morning he summoned Grand Duke Alexis, high admiral; Admiral Avellan, head of the Russian Admiralty, and Admiral Wrenius, chief of the general staff of the navy, to Tsarskoe Selo and remained closeted with them up to a late hour last night, impatiently awaiting information and poring over charts.

The only news received by his majesty from Russian sources were dispatches from Russian agents and consuls at Chinese ports, which could give nothing except current rumors. The only time the Emperor left the members of his Cabinet was to attend service in the chapel of the Alexandra Palace, where the chaplain prayed for Rojestvensky's success.

The Emperor was greatly distressed when the Washington dispatch containing the information sent by the consul at Nagasaki arrived.

Newspaper dispatches naturally created the widest speculation. Some of the officers of the Admiralty who on Saturday were inclined to take the view that the ships off Woo-Sung were empty colliers sent to the rear to avoid

hampering the warships unnecessarily, or that it was a division of little fighting value dispatched to confuse Togo and to throw him off the scent, thought yesterday that it was possible Rojestvensky might after all have divided his fleet, and that the Japanese were awaiting the arrival of the second Russian division before making a general announcement.

The majority of the naval authorities, however, continue to believe that Rojestvensky could not risk a division of his fighting ships. Those of an optimistic turn hope that Rojestvensky did throw Togo off the trail and that they encountered only torpedo boats in the Straits of Corea. This opinion is not generally shared, and most of them think that Togo's scouts were able to keep in touch with the fighting division and that the Japanese fleet lay in wait for Rojestvensky in the narrow waters where a battle is reported to have taken place.

Nevertheless, practically nobody believes that Togo offered open battle, the consensus of opinion being that the Japanese, favored by a stage of the moon, which was three-quarter full, waited and delivered a series of torpedo attacks on Saturday night with such aid as his heavy ships could offer without running too much risk.

Mines may have played an important part and may have been responsible for a large share of the losses reported. At any rate the result is not fully satisfactory to the naval authorities. It is possible that a running fight at long range took place on Sunday which better results are anticipated, as the naval authorities generally do not believe that torpedo attacks could be renewed on Sunday night in the open sea.

The cruisers Gromobol and Rossia, of the Vladivostok squadron, probably have sailed south to afford Rojestvensky any assistance in their power. If Rojestvensky got clear of the strait on Sunday night he should be close enough to Vladivostok on Monday to communicate.

COMPARATIVE STRENGTH OF THE RIVAL FLEETS.

Table comparing the Russian and Japanese fleets. Columns include Battleships, Armored Cruisers, Protected Cruisers, and various types of ships with their respective counts and specifications.

ROJESTVENSKY'S HOPES.

Report That Admiral Desired to Avoid Battle if Possible.

Paris, May 28.—Intense interest has been aroused here by the news that a naval battle has been fought between the Russian and Japanese fleets. Official and diplomatic quarters are without advice, most of the information reaching Paris coming through the dispatches forwarded from the United States. All the newspapers display a tone of extreme anxiety over the result.

The "Echo de Paris" St. Petersburg correspondent says that a letter has been received from Admiral Rojestvensky, written six weeks ago, in which the admiral said he desired to reach Vladivostok without a combat if possible, but that he would do nothing to avoid an encounter.

An appeal was sent to the Central Federated Union yesterday by President Gompers of the American Federation of Labor for financial assistance for the Chicago teamsters. The Central Federated Union subscribed a sum and credentials were given to collect money from all the affiliated unions.

If there has been any hope in the minds of the striking express drivers in Chicago that they will be reinstated it was dispipated yesterday by Levy Mayer, attorney for the employers, who arrived here and registered at the Holland House. Mr. Mayer had conferences during the day with representatives of the various express companies whose headquarters are in this city.

"No concessions of any kind will be made to the strikers," Mr. Mayer said. "We are in the fight to the bitter end, and we are fighting with strength daily, and it is impossible to go back on our position in this fight."

LIKE PRESIDENT'S IDEA.

Canadian Representative at Washington Famed in Dominion.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.] Toronto, May 28.—President Roosevelt's suggestion that Canada have a resident representative at Washington appears to have received general favor in Canada. A similar proposal was made several years ago by the late Dalton McCarthy, but of late the subject has dropped out of mind, mainly because of the failure of several attempts to negotiate a reciprocity treaty. "The News," which has been giving the President's remarks much attention, says:

Questions requiring adjustment are continually arising, and a Canadian representative would aid in disposing of them in a prompt and simple way. It would be useful to the Canadian government to have early and authentic information from Washington. The Canadian representative could render valuable assistance to the British Ambassador, and the British representative could render the same assistance to the Canadian representative.

FORTUNE FOR WAIF.

Father Who Abandoned Girl Leaves Her \$500,000.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.] Pittsburg, May 28.—Phillip Vortisch and wife, of Wilknsburg, found a baby girl in their field twenty years ago. Recently the German consul in Philadelphia sent an attorney here, who took depositions as to the finding of the child. The girl was adopted by a Mrs. Stein, married August Becker, a carpenter, and lives in Remova-st., in Pittsburg.

GERMAN CATHOLICS MEET.

Want State Support, but Not Control of Parochial Schools.

Three hundred and fifty German Catholics met at the City House yesterday for the opening of the annual convention of the Federation of German Catholic Societies, which will continue today and to-morrow. The largest delegation was from Rochester, which sent 100 members. From the Glisey House the delegates took the 2d-ave. elevated road to 8th-st., whence they marched to the Orphan Asylum, at 90th-st. and 1st-ave.

A NEW SERBIAN CABINET.

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DISCUSS CHICAGO STRIKE.

SENDING \$1,000 A DAY.

Local Teamsters' Unions Refuse to Disclose Their Attitude.

There are twenty-three locals of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters in New-York and nearly all of them held meetings yesterday behind closed doors, at which action was taken regarding the Chicago strike. Among the locals which met were those of the express drivers, coal drivers, paper carriers, street and excavation drivers, flour and feed drivers, grocery wagon drivers and the drydock teamsters.

The last named is known as Local No. 708 of the International Brotherhood and is the strongest organization of teamsters in the city. It met in a hall at 15th-st. and 8th-ave., where the strike of the Chicago teamsters was considered. After the meeting President Hoffman said:

"Important action was taken at the meeting regarding the Chicago strike, but I am not at liberty to say at present what it is. All the other locals are also meeting and acting on the strike."

Asked if the action taken was likely to mean a sympathetic strike, he said:

"I do not believe a sympathetic strike will be called without the sanction of the executive council of the New-York district of the International Brotherhood. I do not say that a sympathetic strike will be called, because I do not know. At all events, the result of the various meetings will be reported at a meeting of the executive council, which consists of the executive committees of all the locals, to be held some time this week."

"We have been sending financial relief to the Chicago teamsters, he continued. "We are sending \$1,000 a day to them."

"As to the agreements with the local employers, some of them have expired and have not been renewed. Whether they will be renewed or not remains to be seen."

General Organizer Moynihan, of the International Brotherhood, said no sympathetic strike would be ordered unless a request was made on behalf of the Chicago teamsters and was acted on by the executive council of the New-York locals. Such a request had not been made.

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A SCORCHING "AUTO" RUN. Occupants, Not Knowing 'Twas Afire, Fled from Warring Crowd.

A gasoline runabout, owned by Dr. George A. McDonald, of No. 803 Madison-ave., caught fire yesterday at 187th-st. and Washington-ave. In it were its owner and John Bowler, the driver.

How and where the runabout caught fire is not known. As it went through Bathgate-ave., people shouted at the occupants, but they thought they were being made fun of and paid no attention to the calls.

At 187th-st. the runabout turned west and then north into Washington-ave. All this time flames and smoke were pouring out of the back of the machine, and a shouting crowd was following. To escape from the mob speed was added as the car turned into Washington-ave., and soon the clattering of hoofs suggested to the doctor that he was being pursued by the police for speeding. He immediately shut off power, and Mounted Patrolman Martin, of the Bathgate-ave. station, came up alongside.

"I didn't know I was violating the speed law," began the doctor.

"That's not the point," replied the policeman, "your machine's on fire."

Dr. McDonald and the driver jumped out, and a fire alarm was sounded by the policeman. Two engines responded and after water proved unavailing sand was used with better success.

The machine was almost a wreck, all of the woodwork being burned, and the tires melted. The damage will be \$500.

DRIVERS TO BE TRIED.

Grist of Alleged Automobile Speeders Before Magistrates.

Charles Campbell, a student, who lives with his parents at Bretton Hall, 80th-st. and Broadway, was held in \$200 bail for examination yesterday by Magistrate Pool, because of injuries suffered by August Thode, ten years old, of No. 810 West 97th-st., who was run over by an automobile driven by Campbell. Hill was furnished. The boy is in J. Hood Wright Hospital with a broken leg.

Boyley Patrolman Scanlon, who arrested Campbell, told the magistrate that the automobile was turning a corner just as the boy ran across the street, and that Campbell could not stop the machine in time to avert an accident. Mrs. Campbell was in the automobile when the accident occurred.

Robert Herb, a driver employed in a garage in West 89th-st., admitted to Magistrate Pool in the West Side Court yesterday that he was running an automobile twenty-five miles an hour when Bicycle Policeman Mallon arrested him at Amsterdam-ave. and 94th-st., Saturday night, after a chase of eleven blocks. He was held in \$200 bail for trial.

Emil Scherer, of No. 4,720 Hudson Boulevard, Union Hill, N. J., was held in \$300 bail for trial by Magistrate Pool on a charge of exceeding the speed limit in Riverside Drive Saturday night. Scherer is employed by W. H. Holden, of 49th-st. and Broadway.

Gaston Rambouville, of No. 32 West 60th-st., who arrived recently from Paris, was fined \$10 by Magistrate Pool for riding a motorcycle at a high rate of speed in Riverside Drive Saturday night. "The machine—she was only out with me the first time," said Gaston. "I did not know she got so fast."

Leon Minard, a driver, of 349 West 40th-st., was held in \$300 bail for trial on a charge of speeding in Riverside Drive Saturday night.

NOT A HAPPY MEDIUM.

Davis Butts Into Miss Pepper's High Spirits at Seance.

The medium who calls herself "Rev." May S. Pepper, as head of the First Spiritualist Church, at Bedford-ave. and Madison-st., Brooklyn, started a commotion at the meeting there last evening by announcing that William S. Davis, a printer, of No. 25 Spruce-st., Manhattan, was in the audience.

Mr. Davis, in return, wanted to know if he would be allowed to speak from the platform, and she said, "No." Then A. G. McDonald, a trustee, asked: "Aren't you man enough to go up there? You have lied about me in those circulars."

The two men had a wrangle in the rear of the church, and some persons expected a blow. There was great uproar for a time. William Roe got between the two men who were expected to fight, and the verbal contest ended. Abraham S. Daley ran down the aisle with uplifted hands.

Mr. Davis sat down, and quiet was restored, but as soon as the benediction was pronounced Mr. Davis was told to go or be kicked out. He did not wait to be kicked.

SAY CANADA IS RETALIATING.

Pere Marquette Officials Declare She Resents Interference Along the Border.

Detroit, May 28.—Alleged interference by United States government officials with Canadians at the Niagara frontier is said to be the cause of the recent order of deportation issued under the alien labor law against Pere Marquette Railroad officials in Canada. This is the explanation offered by General Counsel Frederick W. Stevens, who, with General Manager William Cotter of the Pere Marquette Railroad, returned to-night from Ottawa. The two railroad officials interviewed, Mr. William Laurier and Minister of Justice Fitzpatrick. Mr. Stevens stated that Premier Laurier promised to give the matter his personal attention, and led them to believe that the execution of the warrants would be withheld temporarily.

Mr. Stevens explained that the complaints along the Niagara frontier were from persons who had been turned back on the bridge, the Prime Minister's office has been interviewed. Mr. Stevens stated that the complaints were becoming more numerous all the time.

Many complaints were also made against interference by the United States Fisheries Department.

RIDER, THROWN IN SURF, DROWNS.

Revere, Mass., May 28.—A horse that was being exercised in the surf at Revere Beach by Edward Seggent to-day became frightened and threw its rider into the sea. Seggent drowned before assistance could reach him.

FORMER SPANISH PREMIER DYING.

Madrid, May 28.—Don Francisco Silveira, the eminent statesman and former Spanish Premier, is dying.

JAMES F. X. O'BRIEN DEAD.

London, May 28.—James Francis Xavier O'Brien, National Member of Parliament for Cork, died here to-day. His death was sudden. Mr. O'Brien was born in 1831.

MOTORMAN OF DEATH CAR HELD.

Philip Herlihy, of No. 517 West 51st-st., motorman of the 2d-ave. car that ran down and fatally injured Leo W. Wilder, a violinist, of No. 69 West 195th-st., at 19th-st. and Central Park West on Saturday night, was arraigned before Magistrate Pool in the West Side Court yesterday on a charge of driving recklessly and carelessly. Wilder attempted to cross the street and became bewildered.

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SEEKS FLANCE'S WEALTH.

Girl Bases Hopes for \$10,000,000 on a Boy's Letters.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.] Bloomington, Ill., May 28.—Miss Sadie Cady, of Freeport, near here, will probably inherit \$10,000,000 left by Frank Hess, a nineteen-year-old student of Rush Medical College, Chicago, her fiancé, who died two months ago without making a will. Miss Cady has letters to show that in case of Hess's death it was his desire that his fortune go to his fiancée.

Two uncles and three aunts of young Hess will contest the girl's right to the estate. They live in New-York City.

BACK FROM BALLYMOTE.

"Long John," Indian Fighter, Mixed His Accounts as Administrator.

Straight as a reed, good looking, standing six feet four in his stockings, and wearing a soldier's uniform, he attracted no little attention as he walked down the gangplank from the steamer St. Paul yesterday. His "bunkie" there, Dan Smith, Sergeant Joseph Carter and Detective L. C. Trumbull, of the Washington police. John Conroy was his name, first cabin, and thereby hangs a tale.

Sixty years ago John Conroy, known to his friends as "Long John," was born at Ballymote, County of Sligo, Ireland. He came here when a young man, enlisted, and served under Generals Harber and Banks in Mississippi and Louisiana. June, 1871, found him fighting in the Nez Perce campaign as a sergeant in H. Troop of the 1st Cavalry. His horse was shot from under him in an engagement in which Troops G and H lost one-third of their men.

Conroy served in the United States army twenty-four years and four months. He took his discharge in January, 1888, and went to the Soldiers' Home at Washington. His "bunkie" there, Dan Smith, made him promise that when he (Smith) died Conroy would become administrator of his estate, which amounted to \$200,000. Conroy tried to keep his word, but somehow the \$200,000 got mixed up with his \$200,000. With the remaining \$200 he sailed for Ballymote to see his relatives. His itinerary was rudely disturbed by the Washington police, who with extradition papers brought him back.

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