

23-25 of Port Arthur between Russian and Japanese torpedo boats. Capt. Elmslie and Lieut. Smirnov were slightly wounded. The Russian squadron was destroyed. The Japanese warships and twenty-two torpedo boats on the horizon.

With the exception of the above broken despatch nothing further has been received of the naval fight at Port Arthur. Considerable irritation is expressed in official circles that the war and the Government are without positive information and are unable to confirm or deny the reports of a disaster to the Russian ships.

RUBIANS MISCALCULATED TIDES. TOKIO, June 27.—The names of the Russian battleship reported to have been sunk and the others said to have been damaged in the recent fighting at Port Arthur are still unknown here. Admiral Togo's details account only mentioning the types of the vessels. There is much speculation regarding the object of the Russians in making the sortie in view of the apparent confusion which followed their exit from the harbor.

According to one report it seems that they miscalculated the tides and were genuinely surprised when they discovered their inability to return, which they had calculated upon doing with comparative ease in case of need.

It is stated that the flood tide on which they sailed out rose sixteen feet, but when they tried to return in the evening the tide did not rise very high, and anchoring in the outer roadstead was unavailing, as it was physically impossible to enter until high water the following morning.

It is reported that the Japanese scouts have discovered that the Russians have constructed at Tucheneko, a few miles from Port Arthur, defensive works on a larger scale than those at Naushan Hill.

SHIP LOST WAS THE PERSEVERE. LONDON, June 25.—A despatch to the Times from Tokyo states definitely that the Russian battleship Persevere was sunk at Port Arthur and that the battleship Sevastopol and the cruiser Diana were damaged.

The Japanese, the despatch adds, had been aware for some days that the Russians were making strenuous efforts to clear the passage; hence the repeated mining operations by the Japanese.

Against this venture Admiral Togo had prepared a special plan of operations which in some respects was similar to that of April 18. A weak squadron was to give the Russians confidence, while the battle squadron remained concealed within easy striking distance.

When it was seen on June 23 that three battleships and four cruisers had cleared the entrance, the scheme was immediately put into force, but as soon as the ships arrived they found that the Russian battleships had joined the squadron outside. The latter was flying the Admiral's flag.

All the vessels had been piloted out by merchantmen to unmask the newly laid mine field. The extraction of the big ships was very slow. The first Japanese attack by three divisions of destroyers was repulsed by the Russian destroyers. The Russian fleet was then engaged in a series of maneuvers outside. The latter was flying the Admiral's flag.

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Then he changed his course and bore down on the Russian fleet. The Russians made the best of their way back to Port Arthur, but it was impossible to enter the harbor in the dark except very slowly, and they had to anchor outside.

REMAINER OF THE DESPATCH adds nothing to what is known of the engagement. The statement that the Russians were steering for the Shantung promontory is compatible with the suggestion in some other reports that they landed their guns for the forts and were making for Wei Hai Wei or Kiaochow for the purpose of saving themselves by dismantling, as in the case of the gunboat Mandjur at Shanghai. This would accord with the belief that the repairs to the damaged warships only amounted to sufficient patching to enable them to make the voyage.

CHIEFO, June 27.—A Chinaman who arrived to-day on a junk from the vicinity of Port Arthur says that on Friday he saw two large Japanese ships and two torpedo boats, all damaged, withdraw from the fleet of Port Arthur.

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FATAL FIREWORKS EXPLOSION THREE PERSONS KILLED AND EIGHT HURT SEVERELY.

An Exploding Pinwheel in a Philadelphia Store Started It Going—The Explosion Lasted Fifteen Minutes—Panic Is Caused in Neighboring Buildings.

PHILADELPHIA, June 27.—In a series of explosions of fireworks three persons were killed and eight injured this afternoon in the three-story toy building at Arch street, occupied by the Diamond Fireworks Company. For fifteen minutes the explosion shook the surrounding buildings, jets of flame shooting from the burning structure as if it were an armed fort engaged in defence.

Panics occurred in several stores near, where hundreds of girls are employed. A street car stopped directly in the line of the fire, and the passengers fled for a chance to escape.

Then came a fight of the firemen and soon bodies were carried down the ladders from the third floor. The scalp of one woman victim had been half torn from her head by a rocket stick.

The dead are: Lena Simpson, 20 years old, 878 North Sixth street; O. Berman, 27 years old, 427 Catherine street; Oscar Smith, 30 years old, 481 North Handolph street. The injured included four firemen.

The building at 828 Arch street was occupied by the fireworks company on the first floor. The second floor was vacant, a prospective tenant waiting until after the fourth of July to move in. The third floor was occupied in part by the French Hat and Bonnet Company.

The origin of the fire is a mystery and is attributed by the inspectors to spontaneous combustion. Late this evening the inspectors were expressing a strong desire to interview David Zeisler, junior member of the fireworks concern. He is missing.

At 3:15 o'clock this afternoon there were about a dozen purchasers in the store among them Casper Oberstadt, who had just ordered a bundle of skyrocket, mines, pin wheels and serpents. A girl was wrapping up this parcel when a pinwheel became ignited. At once a serpent caught fire and shot from the counter to a shelf full of fireworks, all of which seemed to explode at once.

JAPAN WELCOMES OUR NURSES. DR. Anita Magge's Party Treated Like Goddesses on Their Arrival.

PHILADELPHIA, June 27.—Miss Adelaide Mackintosh, a Philadelphia nurse, who made one of Dr. Anita Magge's party now serving with the Japanese army, says she and all her companions have been treated like goddesses by the Japanese.

REAR ADMIRAL COOPER WILL TRANSFER COMMAND TO REAR ADMIRAL STIRLING.

WASHINGTON, June 27.—Rear Admiral Philip H. Cooper arrived at Shanghai to-day from Cavite in his flagship, the battleship Wisconsin, and there met Rear Admiral Yates Stirling, who was at Shanghai in his flagship, the cruiser New Orleans.

WASHINGTON, June 27.—Chairman Cortelyou and Secretary Dover of the Republican national committee called on the President this morning and had a long talk with him about the recent national convention and political affairs generally.

NO REQUEST TO SEIZE RAISULI SULTAN EXPECTED TO FINISH HIM WITHOUT PRODDING.

Part of the American Fleet Gets Away From Tangier and the Remainder Is Under Orders to Sail—Perdicaris Leaves to Spend Summer in Europe.

WASHINGTON, June 27.—The State Department credits the report from Tangier that Consul-General Gummera has asked the Sultan of Morocco to capture and punish Raisuli. No instructions have been sent from here authorizing Mr. Gummera to make any such demand.

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TRADE CONDITIONS IN JAPAN. Her Commerce and Industry Not Satisfactorily Affected by the War.

WASHINGTON, June 27.—A statement of conditions in Japan from the Japanese Consulate at the Yokohama Shippo Yassai, published at Tokio, recently received by the Department of Commerce and which appears in the May number of the British Trade Journal, indicates that commercial and financial conditions have not as yet been seriously affected by the Russo-Japanese war; and this statement is verified, as far as relates to commerce with the United States, by the official figures showing the trade of the United States with Japan during the present year as compared with earlier periods.

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SMUGGLING BY WHOLESALE. Curious and Silk Hidden Under Tools in Carpenter's Chest—Remarkable Bulkhead Held Thousands of Dollars Worth of Curious—Whole Crew Arrested.

According to information received recently by Collector Stranahan there has been much smuggling of valuable goods from the Far East going on within the last several months, particularly in the big British freighters of the Royden Line, of which Funoh, Eddy & Co. are the agents.

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SAID HER BABY WAS BRANDED. Miss Shaller's Testimony in Her Suit Against the Rev. W. Bullock. NEW HAVEN, June 27.—In the cross examination this afternoon of Miss Isabella Viola Shaller, who has brought a suit against the Rev. Charles S. Bullock, pastor of the Neighborhood Church of Christ at Stratford for the support of her baby boy, she was asked: "Was your baby branded when it was born?" "By whom?" "By Dr. Clapp." "On the right hip?" "On the right hip." "Miss Shaller was attended by Dr. Clapp during her illness. Counsel for the accused minister introduced a letter sent to Dr. Clapp to contradict Miss Shaller's statement that the clergyman had never offered to assist Miss Shaller. Part of the letter was as follows: "For God's sake and the sake of my mother, wife and babies do all possible for her." "The effort was made by Mr. Bullock's counsel to show that the Rev. Cyrus Stimmon, another Stratford pastor, had a great deal to do with influencing Miss Shaller to sue Mr. Bullock. She firmly denied that she ever spoke to him on the subject, although she admitted joining his church after leaving the Neighborhood Church of Christ. The case was continued.

DEPRIVED OF MUSIC, HE DIED. Roach, Forbidden to Play Violin, Could Not Live Without His Art. HEMPHSTADT, I. I., June 27.—Because he was deprived of playing his cherished Stradivarius violin, Michael T. Roach, 65 years old, of Lawrence, died on Friday of a broken heart. He was buried to-day by the rector of the Church of St. Mary's Star of the Sea, Far Rockaway.

FOLLARD'S QUATT BRAND. QUARTER CLOTH, QUARTER SHEETS. BARS OF ELEGANT AND MODERN DRESSES.

MARRIED. BRISTOL—WILSON—On Monday, June 21, 1904, by the Rev. Harry P. Nichols, at Holy Trinity Church, Mrs. Lucie M. Wilson to Henry Deane Bristol.

DIED. ALEXANDER—On June 25, 1904, at his home, New Brighton, Staten Island, H. Eugene Alexander, son of the late John M. Alexander of Baltimore, Md., in the 64th year of his age.

FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP. COFFEE CATARRH. An Unsuspected Cause.

It is curious how many diseases come from a disordered nervous system which locates disease in some part of the body and the primary cause can often be traced to coffee which first breaks down the nervous system. A Georgian says: "There is no doubt coffee gave me nasal catarrh. The septum in my nose was all gone and the catarrh was eating its way, getting hold of the main bone of the nose. It also affected my sight very much. My nose was constantly dripping bloody water, but in two weeks time after I quit coffee and used Postum Food Coffee in its place, I could see my way very well, the dripping from my nose stopped and my nose finally got perfectly well and healthy as far as it is possible for the septum to grow back. There is no doubt it was a case of coffee catarrh and the cure was made entirely by changing from coffee to Postum. The rest of my family took up the new drink and Postum relieved my wife and little boy of frequent headaches and what is called 'coffee headache' is not known in our family any more. Our sleep is so much more refreshing. "We have influenced many people to try Postum and all of them like it better the longer they use it and most of them say it is better than coffee." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich. Ten days trial Postum in place of coffee often works wonders. There's a reason. Look in each pkg. for the famous little book, "The Road to Wellville."