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POBEDA STRIKES MINE, DESTROYER SUNK; ADMIRAL MOLAS KILLED WITH MAKAROFF

THIRTY-TWO DEAD IN MISSOURI DISASTER

FUNERALS OF 26 SEAMEN ARE HELD

Impressive Ceremonies Mark Interment of Victims of Turret Explosion.

Pensacola, Fla., April 14.—One of the most horrible accidents in the history of the United States navy took place off Pensacola on board the battleship Missouri when, by what in naval parlance is known as a hang-fire, one of the after 12-inch rifles exploded, killing instantly twenty-nine men and wounding five others. Of the latter, two have since died. One man of the turret crew is missing. It is the general opinion that he was either blown overboard or else escaped from the turret and jumped overboard, being grazed with pain and excitement.

Five officers were killed and the body of one man was blown into the gulf and was not recovered. It was stated that the concussion lifted his body a distance of 200 feet. Every body in the after deck was hurled to etchity in the space of a flash. The board of inquiry which was convened yesterday afternoon is still in session and will not come to a finding for several days.

Impressive ceremonies were conducted over the graves of the twenty-six seamen this afternoon at the national cemetery. Hundreds of officers and blue jackets were present. The bodies of the five dead officers are being held here awaiting advices.

Explosion at Sea.
The Missouri had been at anchor in the bay for two weeks. In the latter part of last week she was ordered to the gulf for target practice. The ship had been at this work two days and at 10:50 yesterday morning the accident occurred. At the time, the battleship was about nineteen miles from Pensacola.

A report came to the flagship Kearsarge at noon that an explosion had taken place and that ten men had been killed.

A second message was received by the wireless telegraph that the number would be more than three times the original.

At 3 p. m. the Missouri arrived in Pensacola bay. The official information sent to all the naval ships and flags went to half-mast. Merchant vessels in the harbor and business houses along the water front followed the same example.

Twenty-nine Killed.
The dead are: Lieutenant W. C. Davidson, in charge of the twelve-inch turret; Ensign A. W. Whelbert of the cruiser Cleveland, gun umpire; Midshipman W. T. Newmann; Lieutenant J. P. V. Gridley, U. S. M. C.; Lieutenant Thomas W. Dr. Division Officer J. K. Pederson; boatswain's mate, second class, W. Boygard; ordinary seaman, J. Bloxaput; coxswain, Charles A. Wheeler; J. C. Hardy; apprentice, second class, K. J. Kivlin; seaman, J. Gadriss; ordinary seaman, N. Scherbauch; ordinary seaman, J. P. W. C. Brown; second class, H. B. Franks; coxswain, J. P. Starr; ordinary seaman, J. C. Nunn; seaman, N. Soder; seaman, C. E. Meyer; seaman, J. W. C. Brown; apprentice, second class, R. H. Allison; ordinary seaman, R. C. Tobin; ordinary seaman, J. J. Mulligan; seaman, J. W. C. Brown; ordinary seaman, A. Smith; gunner's mate, first class, W. S. Shipman; private marine, J. P. Brown; chief gunner's mate, J. F. Kennedy; ordinary seaman, J. M. Roach.

Five Badly Injured.
The injured: J. E. Knight, seaman, may recover; J. T. Donnelly, ordinary seaman, dying; R. S. Starr, seaman, will recover; F. C. Scaub, apprentice, second class, will recover; and a man supposed to be O. B. Moe, apprentice, second class, dying.

Lieutenant Hammer, the ordnance officer, gave out a statement of the probable cause of the explosion. About noon, after the first pointer of the after twelve-inch piece had fired the third shot of his string, the charge ignited. The fourth shot was being loaded and from all indications the first half of the charge had been rammed home and the second section was being rammed home, when gases from the shot previously fired, or portions of the cloth cover, ignited the powder.

Flames Leap from Turret.
The breach was open and a dull thud gave notice of something unusual. No loud report was made, but flames were seen to leap from every portion of the turret. A few seconds later another explosion, somewhat more fierce, occurred. This was in the handling room below, where 1,600 pounds of powder, or four charges, ready to be hoisted aboard, had ignited. Fire quarters were sounded and every man on the ship responded and the magazine and handling rooms were flooded with water. In less than five seconds after the first explosion, two streams of water were being played on the ruins, and when volunteers were called for every man of the ship responded, eager to go into the turrets and rescue the crew. Captain Cowles gave his commands and but for his presence of mind and that of the officers of the ship the Missouri would have gone down.

Captain Cowles Leads Rescuers.
The second explosion occurred near one of the magazines, and so hot was the fire that the brasswork of the magazines was melted. Smoke and the fumes of the burned powder made it almost impossible to enter either the turret or handling room, but, led by Captain Cowles, the officers and men with handkerchiefs over their faces, made efforts to rescue the men inside.

But for the prompt and efficient work of Captain Cowles in flooding the handling room and magazine with water, one of the magazines would have exploded and the ship would have gone down.

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WANTED SMITH ON DUNN SLATE

Senator Nelson's Seat Offered to Local Man by the Combination.

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THE SLATE

Governor—R. C. Dunn.
United States Senator to succeed Moses E. Clapp—Joel P. Heatwole.

United States Senator, to succeed Knute Nelson—Some Scandinavian republican of Minneapolis or St. Paul.

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BRITISH RULER IN CZAR'S ROLE

King and Cabinet Hope to Secure Universal Peace and Amity.

London, April 14.—King Edward aspires to play the role of universal peacemaker, which, until the outbreak of hostilities in the far east, had been assumed by his "cousin," the czar of all the Russias. In this the British monarch is assured the support of his entire cabinet. They hope to be able to effect such a concert of the nations as will make the present conflict the last to disturb the world's peace.

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Peterson May Be the Man.
There is plenty of other evidence that Joel P. Heatwole is planning to oppose Senator Clapp, and a fight against Clapp means a fight on Nelson. The two senators have joined their interests, and to oppose one means to oppose both. Mr. Smith's story shows one plan that has been devised, but was spoiled by Mr. Smith's refusal to fall in with it. The combination still exists. It is Dunn for governor, Heatwole for senator in 1905, and some one else for senator in 1907. As Heatwole is from the country, and Dunn from the country, the supposition is that the candidate against Nelson will be picked from the cities. The activity of James A. Peterson in Dunn's interests, and his close relations with Heatwole, in color to the theory that he is the man selected to retire Nelson. Peterson was Nelson's lieutenant for years, but their relations have been severed, and he is now hand in glove with Heatwole. He is very ambitious, and has expressed the idea that his new political alliance would bring him high preferment in the future.

Have Staked All on Dunn.
Whoever they have picked or intend to pick as Nelson's opponent, the combination is going to be tried out this summer. Its success depends on Dunn's nomination. The success of Dunn would not insure the retirement of Clapp or Nelson, but Dunn's defeat would destroy the hopes of the combination, and lose them all hope of controlling republican politics in Minnesota.

Forces that are hostile to Senator Clapp have been brought into the Dunn camp. The "big four" in Ramsey county, who are sore at Clapp because of his failure to make Timothy Sheehan district attorney, and are ready to do anything to compass the senator's defeat, are the managers of the Dunn campaign in Ramsey county.

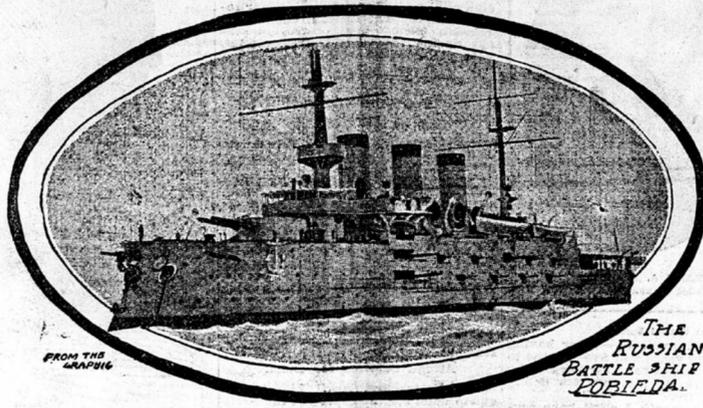
PROVIDES FOR PENSIONS

House Committee Inserts Items in Deficiency Bill for Increase.

Washington, April 14.—In reporting the general deficiency bill, carrying appropriations amounting to \$10,388,744, the house committee includes an item of \$1,500,000 to meet the increase of pension claims under the recent order making age a proof of disability.

The minority members of the committee made a fight against this item, and it was ordered by a party vote. As the item is included, a minority report accompanies that of the majority to the house.

The minority views are signed by Representatives Underwood, Brundidge, Benton, Livingston and Pierce. Representative Taylor of Alabama being absent.



FROM THE WRAPING

THE RUSSIAN BATTLE SHIP POBEDA.

THE DAMAGED RUSSIAN WARSHIP POBEDA.
The Pobieda is a battleship of 12,670 tons displacement and of 14,500 horse power. She is 433 1/2 feet, has 7 1/2 feet beam and draws 26 feet of water, and is heavily armored with steel. She was completed in 1901, has a complement of 723 men, her estimated speed is 18 knots. The steel armor of the battleship varies in thickness from 4 to 9 1/2 inches along her belt. The armament of the Pobieda consists of four 10-inch guns, eleven 6-inch guns, sixteen 3-inch guns, ten 1.8-inch guns, and seventeen 1.4-inch guns. She has six torpedo tubes.



ADMIRAL PRINCE OUKTOMSKY. Acting commander of Port Arthur fleet.

MASSACHUSETTS IS FOR RECIPROCITY

Henry M. Whitney Tells Boston Chamber 37,000 Voters Signed Petition.

Special to The Journal.
Boston, April 14.—Henry M. Whitney, president of the Boston Chamber of Commerce, who has been the chief advocate of Canadian reciprocity at the statehouse hearings in the past week, again presented his views on the subject when the guest of the Boston Life Underwriters' association last night.

Mr. Whitney declared that the trade of New England was in a serious condition, due to the westward movement of speculation and manufacturing interests and the comparatively heavy railroad transportation rates.

The offset to this tendency was to be found, he said, in reciprocal trade relations with Canada. New England farmers had produced nothing that would be brought here from Canada, and the fishing industry of Gloucestershire would be vastly improved.

The speaker said that, altho it was absolutely republican, the party of Massachusetts would lend a deaf ear to any request for trade relief, yet the fact that he had only a few hours before received a petition signed by 37,000 voters, calling for Canadian reciprocity, seemed to demonstrate the sentiment of the state was strongly in favor of a movement that would bring about the opening of the doors of trade.

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THE G. J. REPORTS NEW INDICTMENTS

The Arraignment of Dr. Ames Is Expected at Any Time.

Several indictments were turned in by the grand jury at noon to-day. The new indictment for former Mayor Ames is believed to be in the lot, as it was being drawn up yesterday.

Ames' arraignment may take place to-day.



REAR ADMIRAL MOLAS. Makaroff's Chief-of-Staff, Killed.

GOVERNMENT'S OBJECTION

The reason the government objects to any consideration of the bill filed by Harriman interests is explained by an official of the department of justice as follows:

The present situation may be likened to the winding up of a divorce suit. When both sides have told their troubles and all the legal points have been traced out and decided, the court rules that husband and wife must be divorced. It only remains to enter the decree.

But just as the court is about to do this one of the parties tries to come in and reopen proceedings with a petition to be allowed a certain amount of alimony, or to be awarded the custody of the children.

The court would reply to such a request that these matters will be embraced by the court's decree. The case has been tried and the court is in possession of all the facts and is presumed to be competent to dispose of these equities in its final order.

Certainly the court would not allow the case to be reopened and the evidence reviewed merely because the husband and the wife could not agree about the money and the children. On the contrary, an order would be made awarding, or not awarding, alimony as the court thought wise, and disposing of the children as the court saw fit. The court would see to it that the children were turned over and the alimony paid.

How the Case Stands.
That is precisely the situation in the Northern Securities case. It differs only in the fact that it is a dissolution of a community of interest, which the court will insist upon. The circuit court, Attorney General Knox contends, has nothing to do now but to make its final order.

After the decree has been entered, the department of justice will renew interest in the case. The government will then look to the execution of the decree.

The moment in which the stocks are distributed among the defendants will then be scrutinized closely, to determine whether the distribution is in accord with the decree. In interest, lawyers for the Harriman interests say that the plan would result in a closer community of interests than the one involved in the holding company's plans. If such is the case, and that plan is attempted after the decree has been entered, the department of justice may find it necessary to bring the matter to the attention of the circuit court by a motion summoning Morgan and Hill into court to show cause why they are not in contempt of court in failing to observe the decree.

Magnates Take Risk.
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WHOLE NAVAL STAFF OF MAKAROFF SLAIN

WILL ENFORCE LAW IN MERGER CASE

Government Insists Upon Distribution in Accordance With Decision.

Knox Will Let Magnates Arrange Scheme at Their Own Risk.

Action Will Follow Any Attempt to Evade Spirit of Sherman Act.

From The Journal Bureau, Colorado Building, Washington.
Washington, April 14.—The United States government, as represented by the department of justice, is vitally interested in the manner in which the assets of the Northern Securities company shall be distributed. Its interest, however, is entirely impersonal, and does not favor any one individual or set of individuals as against another. The attorney general is on the alert to see that the distribution is in accord with the decree of the United States supreme court, the object of which decree was to dissolve the trust. This is the whole significance of the intervention of District Attorney Haupt of Minnesota, representing the department of justice at Washington, in the controversy between the Hill and Harriman interests before the circuit court at St. Paul.

So far from taking sides with either party to that controversy, officials of the government here say that they are not entirely convinced that there may not be collusion between the Hill and Harriman interests, and that, whether there is or is not collusion the government insists:

First, that the court shall enter a decree, in more or less general terms, the object of which shall be to wind up the holding company and dissolve the trust, and that the court shall insist upon such distribution of the assets of the Northern Securities company as shall actually accomplish the purposes suggested by the Sherman act.

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20,000 MOURNERS AT REQUIEM MASS

Weeping Thousands, Led by Czar, Pray for Repose of Russian Dead.

Special to The Journal.
Chi-tu, April 14.—Word has just reached here to the effect that Admiral Togo renewed his attack on Port Arthur this morning. He is hurling shells into the town and the land batteries, after a feeble reply, ceased firing.

Either the guns have been dismantled or the forts have been deserted. The attack is described as more effective than any that has preceded it.

The Japanese are landing forces near Port Arthur with a view to laying siege to the town. The fall of Port Arthur is believed to be imminent. Yesterday's attack was made in the following manner:

The Japanese torpedo boat flotilla made a demonstration before the port at daybreak and laid mines across the entrance to the outer harbor. They retired and were joined by the battleship and cruiser squadrons, which had just come up.

The entire Japanese fleet advanced and the Russian warships left the harbor to meet it.

In the engagement that followed, the Petropavlovsk was destroyed. The battleship, either struck one of the mines laid by the Japanese torpedo boats or was sunk by torpedoes fired by the Japanese.

The Russian squadron then retired toward the harbor. The Japanese torpedo flotilla dashed forward and cut off the torpedo boat destroyer Bezstrashni. The Russian boat made a desperate attempt to get away, but was sunk, only five of her crew escaping.

As the battleship Pobieda entered the outer harbor, she was seen to list heavily. A dull roar followed and it was believed at first that she was sinking. It afterward appeared that she had struck a mine, supposed to have been laid in the early morning by the Japanese.

The Japanese evidently had intended quantities of steam were seen escaping from rents in her hull.

Besides the Admiral Makaroff, Admiral Molas was killed. The Petropavlovsk. At the moment of the explosion, an aide shouted to Grand Duke Cyril to jump into the sea. The aide was killed.

NAVAL STAFF BLOWN OUT
Makaroff, Sitting in Stateroom, Blown to Pieces by Explosion.

St. Petersburg, April 14.—4:05 p. m.—Vice Admiral Stark, formerly in command of the Russian fleet at Port Arthur, in an interview to-day, is quoted as saying:

"In my opinion, the Petropavlovsk struck one of the contact mines laid off Cape Liao-shan, but which had been torn from its moorings by the terrible storm prevailing last week, and which drifted, under the stress of south gales, into the roadstead. It could not have been a mine laid near the entrance of the harbor, because the latter are not contact mines, but are fired by an electric wire from the shore."

In naval circles there are those who believe the explosion was internal and not external. The word used in the official dispatch literally means "upset," which is equivalent to turned turtle.

In support of the theory of an internal explosion, it is declared that the bodies of the victims were fearfully burned, some reports saying that Vice Admiral Makaroff was blown to pieces.

The loss of life involved in the tragedy is more serious than supposed, it being learned that Makaroff's whole naval staff was on board the Petropavlovsk.

Among the stories current, but from what source it comes is not known, is one to the effect that the whole staff was sitting in his stateroom with Rear Admiral Molas, his chief-of-staff, when the ship was blown up.

Alarming reports prevail regarding Grand Duke Cyril's condition. It is said that he is in a high fever, aggravated by the shock, which it is feared may be fatal. The members of his family are greatly disturbed.

The wounded grand duke is exceedingly popular and is held in the throes after Grand Duke Michael, the emperor's brother, it being generally understood that Grand Duke Vladimir, Cyril's father, would waive his rights in his son's favor.

Grand Duke Cyril's injuries consist of burns on the neck and legs. A private dispatch to his father reports that the wounded officer is better. The Japanese were thrown to the grand duke by one of the boats which were lowered immediately by the warships.

The exact character of the injuries to the Pobieda are not obtainable at this hour.

The Petropavlovsk sank two and a half minutes after striking the mine.

ADMIRAL TOGO'S VERSION

Russian Battleship and Destroyer Declared to Have Been Sunk.

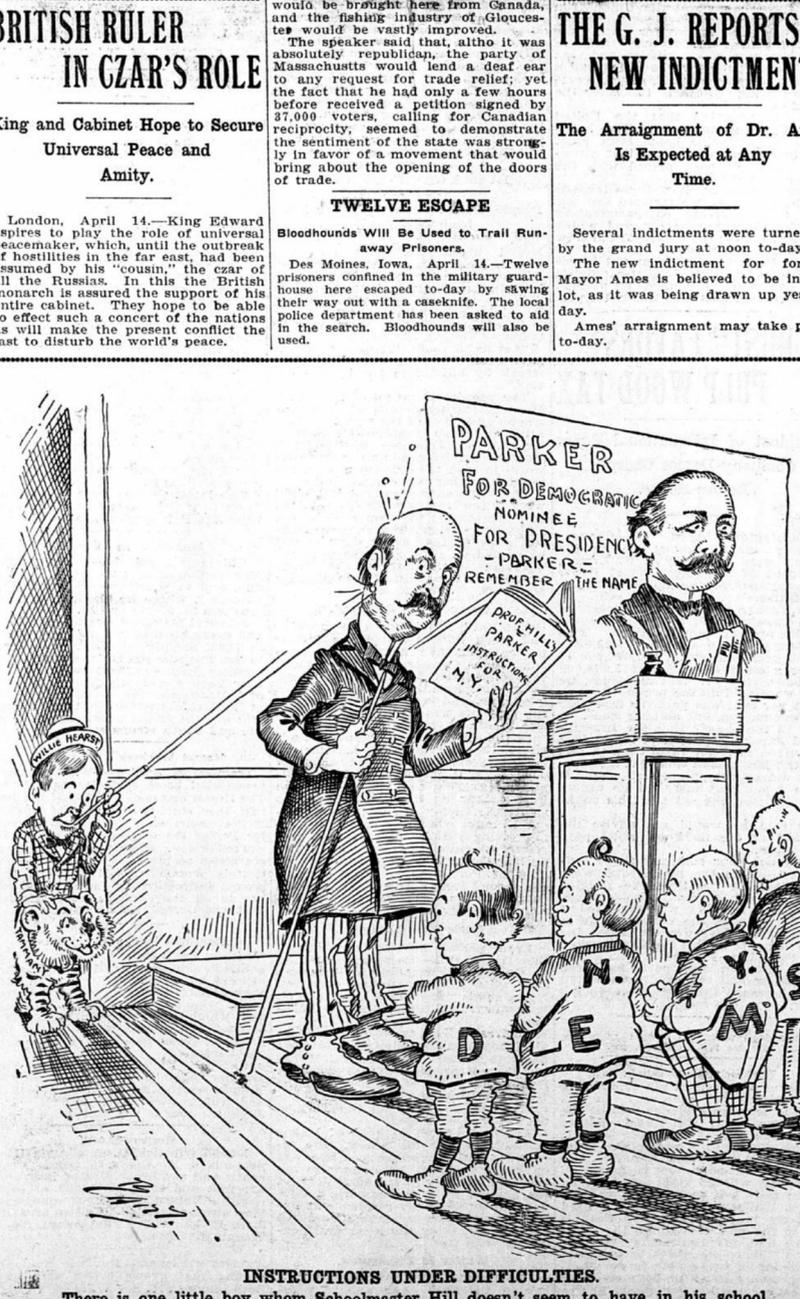
Tokio, April 14.—5 p. m.—A brief report from the Japanese navy department of Wednesday's fighting off Port Arthur reached the navy department this afternoon.

It says Vice Admiral Togo's fleet attacked Port Arthur in the morning and succeeded in sinking a battleship of the Petropavlovsk class and one torpedo boat destroyer. The Japanese sustained no losses. One Japanese was wounded.

A detailed report of the engagement is expected hourly.

The news was received with intense satisfaction, particularly the reported destruction of the battleship Petropavlovsk. There was a note of regret, however, in the comment upon the reported death of Admiral Makaroff.

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INSTRUCTIONS UNDER DIFFICULTIES.
There is one little boy whom Schoolmaster Hill doesn't seem to have in his school.