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ALEXIEFF'S VESSEL

Sends Report of Petropavlovsk Disaster to Czar.

CREWS RETAIN MORALE

REMOANS THE ILL SUCCESS OF THE PACIFIC FLEET.

Survivor of the Explosion Declares There Were Four Reports—New Yorkers Offer Loan.

ST. PETERSBURG, April 22.—The text of Viceroy Alexieff's report to the emperor concerning the Petropavlovsk disaster and the torpedo boat engagement which preceded it (an abstract of which was given in Associated Press dispatches yesterday) reads as follows:

"I respectfully report to your majesty that on April 11 the whole effective squadron at Port Arthur sailed out six miles to the southward to maneuver, and toward evening returned to port. On April 12 a flotilla of eight torpedo boat destroyers went out to inspect the islands, having received orders to attack the enemy should he be encountered in the course of the night. "Owing to the darkness and a heavy rain three of the destroyers became separated from the flotilla, two of which returned to Port Arthur at dawn. The third, however, the Strashin, having, according to the evidence of her crew, encountered several Japanese torpedo boats, and giving the signal of recognition, joined them at dawn. She was recognized by the enemy, and there was a fight at close quarters. The commander, midshipman and engineer and most of her crew were killed. Maleff, her lieutenant, although wounded, continued firing on the enemy.

Cruiser Bayan's Work.

"At dawn on April 13 the cruiser Bayan went out, preceded by destroyers, and hurried to the rescue. About sixteen miles from Port Arthur the Bayan saw the destroyer Strashin engaged with four Japanese destroyers. Shortly afterward an explosion occurred and the Strashin sank, bringing out the enemy's destroyers by her fire. The Bayan, however, did not take part in the fight, lowered her boats and had time to save the remnant of the destroyer's crew. Unfortunately the boats were not swimming. Their lives were saved.

Korean Soldiers Desert.

A cablegram from Shanghai says: The desertion of five companies of picked Korean soldiers, completely armed, which were recently sent to northeast provinces, has seriously affected the peasantry, already restless, owing to excessive taxation and the presence of Japanese.

Discontent in Korea.

Unconcealed discontent exists wherever Japanese troops are stationed, because they seize or force the sale of all animals and agricultural interests at the beginning of ploughing season, and occupy houses without making payment. Many Korean officers resent this wholesale occupation, and would attempt to oppose it, but people are not so completely intimidated.

Skirmishes Along the Yalu.

LIAO-YANG, Manchuria, April 22.—Occasional skirmishes with the Japanese along the Yalu river and unimportant tussles with small bands of Chinese bandits alone vary the monotony of the perpetual movement of troops to the seat of war.

Number Saved.

"Altogether seven officers and seventy-three men were saved. The Poltava, which was following the Petropavlovsk two cable lengths astern, stopped her engines and remained on the scene of the disaster.

Wireless Telegraph Control.

There are signs of a difference of opinion between the civil and military branches of the government respecting the Russian decree against the use of wireless telegraphy by newspaper correspondents. The subject has received a good deal of attention already from the joint army and navy boards, composed of the highest officers of each service and Secretaries Taft and Moody have been charged by the cabinet to obtain reports upon the whole broad project of wireless telegraphy. The disposition of the service branches is distinctly manifested in favor of governmental control which makes toward the support of the Russian position. It is even argued that no civilian should be allowed to erect a wireless station without executive permission, because its use might interfere with that of some military staff.

Orders to Naval Vessels.

The gunboat Machias has been detached from the North Atlantic fleet and ordered to be placed out of commission at the navy yard at Pensacola, Fla.

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ALLEGED COMBINE

Evidence Against the Coal-Carrying Roads.

MR. HEARST HEARD

ARGUES BEFORE THE HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE.

Wants Report of the District Attorney for the Southern District of New York.

"The Attorney General has been brooding over that evidence like an old hen on a door knob for eighteen months. He has not acted in any way and won't let anybody take it away from him."

Representative Wm. R. Hearst made this statement before the House committee on the judiciary today in arguing for a favorable report on his resolution calling on the Attorney General for the evidence against the anthracite coal-carrying railroads, which includes the report of the United States district attorney for the southern district of New York.

Alleged Violation of Law.

The precise manner in which the anti-trust law was being violated, as claimed by Mr. Hearst, was when it became known to the six coal-carrying roads that the independent coal mine operators contemplated building a road of their own to the water.

ACCIDENTALLY SHOT.

Young Man Near Richmond Kills Himself Today.

RICHMOND, Va., April 22.—William C. A. Gregory, a prominent young man, son of Judge Roger Gregory, dean of the law school of Richmond College, today accidentally shot and killed himself at the farm of his father, in King William county.

BOLD CHICAGO ROBBERY.

Lone Man Holds Up Four Men in Saloon and Escapes.

CHICAGO, April 22.—State Senator Michael J. Butler, with his bartender and two of his friends, have fallen a victim to a lone robber who left the senator's saloon with \$200 in cash and jewelry valued at \$400.

TRIBUTE TO OUR RAILWAYS.

English Opinion Based on an Inspection Last Summer.

LONDON, April 22.—Orville Priestly, under secretary to the government of India, railways department, who was sent to the United States last summer to study and report on American railways, has submitted his report. It is an exhaustive review of the subject, and in conclusion pays a high tribute to American railway enterprise and management.

What Mr. Hearst Wants.

"What I want," concluded Mr. Hearst, "is to have this evidence come before Congress, and if the Attorney General does not report it, as I am very sure he won't, as he has refused to do anything of the kind, I then wish, or hope, that a committee of seven representatives will be appointed with power to take the evidence. I suppose the House will refer the matter to a subcommittee consisting of Representatives Powers of Massachusetts, Thomas of Iowa and Smith of Kentucky for further investigation."

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WAS SHOT FOR MURDER

ROSE PAYS PENALTY AT SALT LAKE FOR KILLING HIS WIFE.

Confessed to Many Crimes—Started His Wicked Career With Robbery.

—Confession Believed.

SALT LAKE, Utah, April 22.—Frank Rose, the wife murderer, was shot to death in the yard of the state penitentiary here at 10:30 this morning. Death was instantaneous, four bullets lodging in or very close to his heart.

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