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PLAIN AND PLAUSIBLE STORY OF MAKAROFF'S DEATH

Success of the Japanese at Sea—Efforts to Land North of Port Arthur.

"The Japanese story of the events which ended with the death of Admiral Makaroff and the destruction of his flagship," said the Star in a special issue, "is such a plain and plausible account that it carries conviction even to the most skeptical. In no war which I can remember has there been less reliability about the news from the seat of operations, but on this occasion by supplementing the official account with several dispatches from Japanese sources we arrive at the correct solution of what was at first a most mysterious affair.

It is well known that upon the arrival of Admiral Makaroff the Russian fleet became intensely aggressive, while the Japanese became correspondingly cautious, avoiding the challenge to battle on all occasions. This careful policy was not understood, as it was the Japanese who had such a superiority that they would risk little in a test of strength upon the open sea. It seems, however, that Admiral Togo, following a sure and safe plan to insure the defeat of his enemy. In these numerous operations he caused minute observations to be made upon the movements of the Russian ships followed an invariable course in putting out to sea, evidently on account of the necessity of avoiding their own torpedoes.

Nest of Torpedoes Planted.

"Working upon this information, the Japanese torpedo gunboat, which is especially fitted up for the distribution of submarine mines or torpedoes, went out on the night of April 12 to plant a nest of torpedoes in the very track which careful study had shown that the enemy would follow in leaving the harbor. The immersion of these mines is exceedingly dangerous, as was shown by the destruction of the Russian gunboat Yenisei in the early days of the difficult duty, in daylight, in a friendly port. The slightest jar against the ship may easily destroy it, and on this occasion there was the additional danger that the Russian fleet was in the habit of using, upon only one of which were the Japanese mines planted.

"The cruiser retreated before Makaroff's powerful vessels and called by wireless telegraphy for their battle ship squadron, thirty miles away in the fog. Upon its approach the Russian admiral retreated and two of his ships struck the torpedoes.

The Decoy Squadron.

"On the next morning a squadron of unarmored Japanese cruisers approached the port as a bait to draw out the Russian fleet. Makaroff needed no second invitation, but went forth with the best of his fleet, but the mines at this time is not understood, unless there were two courses which the Russians were in the habit of using, upon only one of which were the Japanese mines planted.

Russian Energy in Vain.

"During Makaroff's brief command he sent his torpedo boats and destroyers many times to sea, evidently with the object of finding the Japanese squadron and attacking it in some such way as the Japanese had attacked on February 9. A bold attack of this kind might throw the balance of power to their own side. There was plenty of boldness, even recklessness, shown in all this, but the Japanese success. On the contrary, single vessels of the Russians were caught by overwhelming number of the enemy and destroyed on the spot. The Japanese last affairs seemed to be matters of chance, but unless something more than mere luck ruled, the Russian fleet was scattering in the sea, and for their pluck and bravery.

"It has been thought that single vessels of either the Vladivostok or the Port Arthur squadron would be able to communicate with the other. It has even been suggested that the best vessels of the Port Arthur fleet might, one at a time, make a break for liberty, thus scattering the Japanese fleet and getting away in sufficient numbers to powerfully reinforce the Vladivostok squadron.

Japanese and Modern Methods.

"It has been said that the Russian fleet has not been equipped with wireless telegraphy. In fact, this modern invention is considered in most places to be in an experimental stage. Not so with the Japs, if we may judge from reports that Admiral Togo maneuvers his squadrons when miles away, and exercises fire control when near at hand, by wireless methods of telegraphy.

"The great preponderance of torpedo boats and destroyers in the Japanese navy shows another matter in which the Russians are more nearly equal to their rivals. In this respect the Japanese have the advantage of being without prejudices or traditions in naval as well as in military matters. If we watch the progress of new ideas in our own country, in drill, arms, equipment, organization and everything else, and then note the lightning rapidity with which the Japs adopt the most radical innovations, we will have food for thought. All new ideas are not good, but many are of great value. It is well to give them a fair trial. So great has been the change from ancient to modern times that war is no longer the best school for war. It is in the best school for war, study and prepare best for successful war.

"Although many things point to a superiority of the Japanese at sea, it must be confessed that the real test is a naval battle far from land, with nearly equal forces.

Landing North of Port Arthur.

"On land the absence of news is natural, and probably shows that there is something wrong in the reports of Japanese landings north of Port Arthur. They are probably working hard to get the troops ashore at Ta-ku-shan and Pitzevo. In the last war it took about a week to land a smaller force than they now have. The difficulties of getting ashore in the mud, with artillery, horses and supplies, are very great. Then, after landing, progress will be as slow as the advance on the shore in Korea, so that it is hardly time to expect developments.

"The report of the Japanese commander on the island of the 1,362 Russians found dead on the field and that 475 wounded are in Japanese hospitals, and that the Japanese have been able to gain the experience of our own civil war was that there was not more than one killed to five wounded. The Japanese official report says about one man killed to three wounded of their own troops. The experience in other wars with modern weapons is to increase the number of wounded. I am curious to know the cause of the excessive loss of killed among the Russians."

Steam Barge Disabled.

"The steam barge Lily and Howard, owned by Messrs. Carter & Clark of this city, was brought into port Saturday evening last in a disabled condition by the tug D. M. Key. While lightering railway ties from the shore to a barge in Occoquan creek the steamer twisted her propeller wheel off its shaft and had to be brought back to this city. The accident, it is supposed, was caused by the wheel striking some submerged obstruction. The steamer will be out of service for several days.

May Day Procession.

About 1,400 pupils of the Sunday school of St. Aloysius Church participated in the annual May procession yesterday. They marched through several of the streets in the vicinity of the church headed by Gonzaga College Band, and presented a very pretty appearance. The girls were dressed in white and the boys in dark clothes, many carrying small banners and flowers, which were deposited on the altar in the church at the conclusion. Miss Agnes Wade was May queen.

MR. ROOSEVELT AOTS

MARINE BAND MUSICIANS AT LAFAYETTE

Must Not Fill Places of Strikers or Locked-Out Union Players.

In compliance with representations made by President William J. Kerngood of Local No. 101 of the American Federation of Musicians of this city, President Roosevelt has taken a hand in the controversy growing out of the acceptance by several members of the United States Marine Band of positions in the orchestra of the Lafayette Square Opera House which were made vacant by the dismissal of the union musicians.

Their dismissal followed a demand for an increase in pay for services during the summer opera season and for half salary for an enforced lay-off of a week on account of the presence at the playhouse several weeks ago of a minstrel company, which carried its music.

The action of enlisted men of the Marine Band in taking the places of the dismissed union musicians was made known to President Roosevelt last Wednesday. He was requested to give the union musicians redress from such action. After a thorough study of the situation, President Roosevelt Saturday afternoon instructed Assistant Secretary Darling of the Navy Department to issue orders prohibiting any member of an enlisted band from accepting a position of a civilian musician on strike or lock out, growing out of labor disputes. The action of the President was made known to President Kerngood of the musician's union Saturday evening by Secretary Loeb.

The members of the Marine Band who played at the Lafayette Square Opera House last week did not put in an appearance at the playhouse today. Manager La Motte said that the places that were vacated by the members of the Marine Band had been filled with other musicians.

The Protest Filed.

The matter was formally brought to the attention of President Roosevelt last Wednesday. President Kerngood of the local union of musicians called that day at the White House and presented to Secretary Loeb, addressed to the President, a protest against the approval of the administration of the alleged action of the members of the Marine Band, accompanied by clippings from The Evening Star bearing upon the difficulty at the theater.

The protest of President Kerngood to President Roosevelt follows: "I desire to draw to your attention an existing state of affairs at the Lafayette Theater in this city, and herewith enclose a printed statement of same. "I called at the office of the commandant of the Marine Corps on Monday at 1 p. m. and protested against this action of enlisted men. He directed me to call on him this morning and then informed me that the enlisted men claimed they were getting the union salary, but that he would call on the management of the theater and would inform them their statement. The commandant said: 'The enlisted men must receive the union salary, but that is all I will promise.' Secretary Moody in his report to you of December 30, 1903, stated: "Both departments have up to the present time permitted, under certain limitations, the acceptance of private engagements by the military bands and their members."

"I would respectfully inquire if these limitations allow an enlisted man to take the place of a union man who has been discharged for refusing to work for less than the stipulated union salary. The answer given by General Elliott, in his report of November 14, 1903, to Secretary Moody, said: "The inference to the effect that members of the Marine Bands who have been discharged for refusing to work for less than the stipulated union salary, and who are engaged by the military bands and their members, which procures them their engagements."

"When the members of the Marine Bands were discharged without notice on Monday morning there was, to my certain knowledge, one member of the Marine Band, side the theater ready to step in, which he did, and the remaining two arrived shortly after.

Lieut. Santelmann's Statement.

"Mr. Santelmann, in his statement of November 11, 1903, to Secretary Moody, said: "Our prices have been the best prices demanded by musicians in this locality, and all charges of under-bidding or unfair competition are absolutely untrue in every particular."

"I leave next Sunday evening for New York to attend the annual convention of the American Federation of Musicians, and it is my desire to assure you of the weight of this action on the part of the enlisted men is sanctioned by the administration. "The matter now stands that if we are forced to relinquish an engagement by being unable to collect our earnings, or if we insist on upholding our price list, members of enlisted bands are allowed to take our places. "I trust that this matter will receive immediate consideration at your hands, as the members of the theater orchestra who have been discharged are now without employment."

CONSIDERING DECREE.

Justice Anderson Soon to Sign One in K. of L. Case.

Justice Anderson, in Equity Court No. 1, this afternoon took under advisement the form of decree which he will sign in the case of Burns against Hayes, known as the Knights of Labor case.

Attorney H. E. Davis, representing the Hayes faction, presented a form of decree to which Attorneys Cole & Donaldson and H. B. Moulton, for the Burns party, objected, and the latter offered for signature a decree said to be in accord with the opinion of the court delivered last week.

Mr. Davis filed a motion on behalf of the defendants for a rehearing and notified counsel on the other side that he would present it to the court when the decree in case is signed.

The motion for a rehearing claims that the Hayes faction could be enjoined by the court from doing certain things, but that certain officers of one faction were and the other were not legally elected, but that such a question should properly be decided by "quo warranto" proceedings in a court of law.

Companies Incorporated.

Certificates of incorporation of the following companies have been placed on record: The Pittsburg Cement Block Company; capital stock, \$100,000; incorporators, A. J. Lennox, Wm. Franz, Frank R. Hollingshead, E. M. Root and Charles White. The Southern Coffee and Spice Company; capital stock, \$20,000; incorporators, Frank A. Burton, Joseph F. Snell and George Lebrecht. The Card Digests Company; capital stock, \$25,000; incorporators, L. D. Underwood, L. H. Campbell and Wm. Schoenborn. The Government Contract Information Bureau; capital stock, \$100,000; incorporators, George T. Parker, Martin T. Davis and Philip Walker. The Spring Water Distilling Company; capital stock, \$100,000; incorporators, Grogan, P. H. Kennedy and C. D. Wright. The Empire Safety Tread Company; capital stock, \$250,000; incorporators, George H. Roberts, Jr., I. S. McGeehan, R. S. Donaldson, E. W. McCormick and B. E. T. Kretschmann. The National Tailoring Academy; capital stock, \$200,000; incorporators, Edwin L. Bradford, R. K. Van Mater and Ralph Wormelle. The National Safety Whiteflint Company; capital stock, \$200,000; incorporators, Walter V. Hawkes, Ferdinand C. Cooksey and John R. Lang, Jr.

Secretary Wilson's Trip.

Secretary Wilson will leave Washington tomorrow for St. Louis, to speak at the good roads convention, May 18.

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