

CAPTURED A RUSSIAN DESTROYER

World Is Puzzled Over the Mysterious Disappearance of the Russian Squadron in Asiatic Waters.

It Is Rumored That After Some of Russians Were in the Water They Were Shot.

MAY BE IN THE YELLOW SEA

Anxiety Reached Highest Pitch at St. Petersburg Last Night but No Definite News Yet Received of Officers.

Chefoo, Aug. 12.—8:30 a. m.—At 2:30 o'clock this morning the Japanese torpedo boat destroyers Asashio and Kasami, which entered the harbor under cover of darkness last night, sent a boarding party against the Russian torpedo boat destroyer Ryeshitnelni, which had previously been disarmed by Chinese. After a fierce fight the boarding party hoisted the Japanese flag on the Ryeshitnelni and towed her out of the harbor in a northerly direction. Of her crew of 47, 17 have been accounted for. Captain Shestakovsky is reported killed. Seven swam ashore, landing near the American consulate. Some were picked up by Sampans and three, including a lieutenant, were rescued by a lightship. The Japanese claim that they sent in a gig to the Ryeshitnelni under a flag of truce a lieutenant and interpreter, who made the demand that the Russians come outside and fight. The Russian captain replied that his ship had been disarmed, her engines disabled and that the whole matter was in the hands of the Chinese. The Japanese were asked to investigate the disarmament. The Japanese interpreter claims he overheard the Russian captain give hurried orders in a low tone, the words not being distinguishable to the interpreter. Immediately following, the captain seized the Japanese lieutenant and jumped overboard with him.

Meanwhile the Japanese destroyers had their searchlights turned on the Russian ship. From the deck of the lightship observers could see this act, which was followed by the shooting of rifles and submachine guns, and Russians jumping overboard. The fighting had lasted 10 minutes when an explosion followed. The explosion blew away the main bridge, but did no damage to the hull. The Russians by this time were mostly all overboard. The Japanese at once hoisted their flag. Presently a searchlight from the Chinese cruiser Haichi disclosed a Chinese cutter alongside the Asashio. It remained there only a minute and then went alongside the Kasami, where it stopped an equal length of time. The cutter then returned to the Haichi. The action of the Chinese fleet is unexplained so far. It is believed serious international complications will result from the incident.

There are unconfirmed stories in circulation that the Japanese fired at the Russians when they were in the water and they refused to rescue any of them.

Chefoo, Aug. 12.—The Russian protected cruisers Askold and Novik, and one torpedo boat destroyer entered Kiau Chau last night (Thursday) and exchanged salutes with German vessels.

Baltic Fleet Waiting.
Cronstadt, Aug. 11.—Admiral Birliffe, in command of the naval forces here, today ordered Vice-Admiral Rojevitsky, commander of the Baltic fleet, and his staff to take up their quarters on board the battleship Souvaroff, to be in readiness to sail August 14.

Passed the Dardanelles.
London, Aug. 11.—The Brussels correspondent of the Daily Telegraph declares that two vessels of the Russian Black sea fleet have already passed the Dardanelles without the interposition

of any difficulty on the part of the Turkish government.

FLEET ESCAPED BY NIGHT.

Battleships Reported Steaming in the Direction of Port Arthur.

Tokio, Aug. 11, 11 a. m.—Evidently driven to sea by the fire of the Japanese land batteries the Russian fleet emerged from Port Arthur yesterday morning. Admiral Togo immediately closed in and opened a severe engagement which lasted until nightfall. Afterwards the Japanese destroyers and torpedo flotillas delivered a series of attacks. The Japanese fleet withdrew during the night. A guardship stationed off the harbor reported that she saw at dawn today the battleships Retvizan and Pobleda steaming toward the harbor of Port Arthur. Admiral Togo has not yet reported the results of yesterday's engagement. It is thought here that the Russians attempted to escape seaward, from a base which is no longer tenable, but that they again refused to attempt to force Admiral Togo's lines. Details are expected hourly.

NO BASIS FOR THE RUMOR.

Although Port Arthur Cannot Hold Out Long It Has Not Fallen.

London, Aug. 11.—Rumors that Port Arthur had fallen were again current, but apparently there is no further warrant for them than on previous occasions. It is regarded as impossible that Port Arthur can hold out much longer, but there is no further news at hand, either concerning the fortress or the fate of the Port Arthur squadron beyond the statement from Chefoo that the protected cruisers Askold and Novik have entered the port of Kinchau, which is German leased territory.

CONTRABAND NEGLECTED.

Russians Indisposed to Consider Question of List at Present.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 11.—The Associated Press hears from a high source that at the foreign office here the question of revising the list contraband has not received consideration, and that there is little likelihood of any modifications being made in the Russian declarations at present. Nevertheless, Novosti urges acceptance of the American and British views in order to prevent causes for discontent among neutral powers.

JAPANESE WERE ACTIVE.

Will Not Attempt to Carry Liao Yang by Frontal Attack.

Liao Yang, Aug. 8.—The Japanese were active yesterday on the eastern bank of the Russian army. They retired slightly toward the south and Russians occupied their positions. It is evident that the Japanese do not intend attempting to carry Liao Yang by frontal attack, but hope for success by flanking, as at Ta Tche Kiao and Haicheng.

SHIPPERS FEAR FLEET.

Special Shipping Suspended in Vicinity of Yellow Sea.

Berlin, Aug. 11.—The Tokio correspondent of the Lokal Anzeiger says special shipping has been entirely suspended owing to the escape of the Port Arthur squadron, the present location of which is unknown. The Lokal Anzeiger, in commenting on the dispatch, says it indicates that the squadron has crossed the strait of Pe Chi Li and has rounded Shantung promontory.

FOUND DEATH IN MINE.

Eight Men Drowned by Sudden Flooding of Gold Mine.

Salsbury, N. C., Aug. 11.—The Berringer gold mine, located near Gold Hill, N. C., was suddenly flooded with water late this afternoon, causing the death of eight men. Nine men were in the mine shaft when the dam of a large pond located near the entrance gave way because of excessive rains, and the waters rushed in upon the men. Thomas Moyal, manager of the plant, was the only one who escaped death. The mine is filled with water tonight and none of the dead bodies have been recovered.

STUBBORN PACKERS REFUSE TERMS OF PEACE OFFERED AND PROLONG MEAT WAR

The Efforts of Friendly Unions and Other Interests to End Great Strike all Fail of Much Success.

Legal Advisers of the Strikers Now Propose to Force the Hand of the United States Government and Compel the Enforcement of the Injunction Which They Are Prepared to Prove is Openly Violated.

Chicago, Aug. 11.—The stockyards strike tonight seems no nearer settlement than it did the day the struggle began. Efforts of the committee composed of retail butchers and grocers to bring about a conference between packers and strike leaders were of no avail today. The retailers committee was in conference with a committee representing the packers for three hours. When the strike leaders were informed of the determination of the packers to refuse to enter into further conferences with unionists, they began to form plans to force the hand of the legal department of the United States government in the endeavor to bring about a settlement. This move was decided upon by the legal advisers of the strikers after they had received what they considered reliable information that the attorney-general would not make a move to bring into operation the perpetual injunction now held by the government against combinations among packing firms unless ordered to do so by President Roosevelt.

The plan in effect is this: Tomorrow or next day an action will be started

LOCATED BY INFERENCE.

Dispatch Received by Family of Russian Officer the Only Clue.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 11.—Public anxiety regarding the fate of the Port Arthur squadron, which has reached the highest pitch, remained unrelieved when the people of St. Petersburg retired tonight. Reports from Tokio and Chefoo of the sea fight which followed the departure of the squadron are so conflicting and inconclusive that a strong hope exists that the Russian ships succeeded in breaking through the Japanese fleet.

Indeed, it was rumored late tonight that the admiralty had received information that the squadron had passed beyond Shantung promontory, which would bring the squadron 150 miles to the southeast of Port Arthur and into the Yellow sea. Although unable to confirm this rumor, the Associated Press learns that the family of Lieutenant Smirnov, an officer of the battleship Czariyitch, this evening received a telegram from him dated at Tsingchau today. The message contained only two words, "Alive; embrace."

Tsingchau is 150 miles southwest of Chefoo, in the province of Shantung, at the entrance to Kiauchau bay. The receipt of this telegram might be construed as a partial confirmation of the rumor that the squadron had reached the open sea beyond Shantung. In no other way could Lieutenant Smirnov's family explain the message from Tsingchau.

JAPS WERE COURAGEOUS.

Displayed Great Bravery in Attack on Port Arthur.

Liao Yang, Aug. 11.—A refugee from Port Arthur who has just arrived at Liao Yang says the defenders of the fortress remained all day at their posts, in spite of the dreadful heat, the women heroically carrying water to the parched soldiers, although not a single space within the perimeter of the fortress is free from bullets and bursting shells. Sometimes the whole fortress seemed enveloped in smoke from the countless shell explosions.

There was a memorable sight from Wolf's hill when the Japanese attacked the Russian position there, July 25. Five Japanese divisions moved across the plain to the assault, under cover of the guns. The onset was so desperate that it almost verged on frenzy. It was said at Port Arthur that Field Marshal Omaya commanded the Jap-

anese forces in person and several princes of the blood and veteran generals led on the attacking forces, giving examples of courage and resource previously unequalled. The Japanese artillery received a fresh supply of ammunition the previous evening, and never before was there such a terrific hail of projectiles, but the efforts of the Japanese were unavailing against the determined stand of the Russians, who proved themselves worthy sons of the defenders of Sebastopol, and the attack was repulsed with enormous losses. The refugee gives the Russian losses at 1500, and those of the Japanese at 10,000.

After the battle, General Stoessel ordered every available surgeon to dress the Japanese wounded, but the Russians were unable to bring them into the fortress, where the problem of feeding the noncombatants is too serious. Consequently, the Japanese wounded were left on the field of battle, to be taken care of by their own people.

The refugee also said that Japanese spies were swarming along the railroad from Tien Tsin to New Chwang, and from Tien Tsin to Simintin. He claimed there were spies in every car. The Chinese are crowding into Liao Yang from the villages which are threatened with becoming involved in the approaching battle.

FUNERAL OF SENATOR VEST.

General Day of Mourning at the Missouri Metropolis.

St. Louis, Aug. 11.—All the municipal offices were closed for two hours today, and the flags on city institutions were placed at halfmast during the funeral of former Senator George G. Vest who died Monday at Sweet Springs, Mo., and whose remains were laid to rest in Bellefontaine cemetery in this city.

The services, which were simple, were performed by Rev. John C. Shackelford, of Sweet Springs, at the grave. The funeral train bearing the remains from Sweet Springs arrived early, and was met at Union station by the committee of 100 representative Missourians appointed by Governor Dockery, and escorted to Bellefontaine cemetery, where so many men of note have been buried.

In the private car of Vice-President and General Manager A. A. Allen, of the Missouri, Kansas & Texas railroad, which had been provided for the use of the funeral party, were Mrs. Vest, Alex L. Vest, Jr.; Mr. and Mrs.

George P. Jackson, son-in-law and daughter of the deceased; Mrs. J. C. Thompson, Lee Montgomery, P. L. De-wees, Miss Mildred Dewees and C. L. Jackson.

Among those who attended the service were Governor Dockery and other state officials; Mayor Wells, David R. Francis, Senator Stone, Member of the City Council and House of Delegates, Thomas Bludgett, Judge Thayer, Michael McGrath, Judge H. M. Priest, Morton Jourdan and Martin Clardy.

GARMENT WORKERS RESUME.

Arrangements Made to Go Back to Work on Satisfactory Terms.

New York, Aug. 11.—The strike of the United Garment Workers against the open shop which began about two months ago, has been declared off. It is claimed by the employers that the ranks of the strikers had dwindled from 22,000 to 5000. The strikers have made individual agreements with the employers, but all on an open shop basis, though in many cases all the men taken back will remain union men. It is estimated that the strikers lost between \$1,500,000 and \$2,000,000 in wages.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 11.—An interesting letter written by the railway station master at Port Arthur was brought to Liao Yang by a railway employe, August 5. There was no indication as to how long it had been in transit from the besieged town. The letter says:

"We are running six trains daily, besides specials, mostly conveying troops to and from positions. We have 25 versts (15 1/2 miles) of railway under operation.

"The town is in excellent condition—almost normal. Twice a week the band plays; restaurants are open as well as many business houses. We have suffered a good deal during the past two months principally through being separated from our children."

EIGHTY RANCHMEN PROTEST.

Montana Stockmen Object to Revocation of Government Order.

Butte, Mont., Aug. 11.—A Miner special from Big Timber says the effort that is being made by sheepmen of this section to have rescinded the order issued some time ago barring sheep from the forest reserve near here will be strongly opposed by the cattlemen. A protest against the revocation of the order will be forwarded to the secretary of the interior within a few days.

The cattlemen claim that the ranchers on the reserve are engaged principally in mixed farming and that nearly all of them have some cattle; that if the order is rescinded sheepmen will be privileged to run their stock onto the reserve, destroying the grass and undergrowth which the department aims to protect in order that the mountain snows may not be melted early in the summer. It is understood that the protest will contain the names of about 80 ranchmen.

FINE CALIFORNIA COLTS.

Yearlings Have the Appearance of Two and Three-Year Colts.

San Francisco, Aug. 11.—Attached to the overland passenger train this morning were two carloads of the most remarkable yearlings ever sent out of California. They came from A. B. Spreckles' Napa stock farm and will be sold at Sheephead Bay, August 31. There are 20 colts and three fillies and the majority are by Marius 11 and Solitaire, the English stallions. With the new strain and the unusual climate of last season the yearlings have the appearance of two and three year olds.

Troops in Olympic Games.

St. Louis, Aug. 11.—Troop H of the Eighth cavalry, stationed at Jefferson Barracks, Mo., has entered a tug-of-war team in the Olympic games to be held in the world's fair stadium the last week in August. L. F. Matlock, the troop trumpeter, has also entered in the sprint events.

INVITED TO EXPOSITION.

President Roosevelt Does Not Give Any Promise of Acceptance.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 11.—President Roosevelt today received a personal invitation from W. H. Thompson, treasurer of the exposition company, to visit the St. Louis exposition. The president did not encourage Mr. Thompson in the belief that he would attend the exposition.

FROWN UPON THE ACTS OF VIGILANTES

Colorado Officials Hold Conference at Which Recent Unlawful Procedure is Discussed at Length.

Decide to Vigorously Prosecute Guilty Ones and Afford Protection to Citizens.

PROCLAMATION OF SHERIFF

Warns All Citizens to Cease Carrying Guns and Refrain From All Incendiary Talk and Overt Deeds.

Denver, Aug. 11.—A News special from Cripple Creek, Colo., says that Sheriff Bell, who returned to that city today from Wyoming, attended a meeting of the county commissioners, at which the mayors of Victor and Cripple Creek, County Attorney Ashton and Deputy District Attorney Charles C. Butler were also present. The recent acts of the vigilantes were discussed, and it was decided to vigorously prosecute the guilty parties and afford every protection to citizens threatened by the masked band. Acting upon this decision, Sheriff Bell issued a proclamation ordering citizens to refrain from carrying weapons and cease from all incendiary talk or committing overt deeds.—The proclamation promises punishment to all offenders.

TIMBER CRUISER LOST.

Carried \$5000 in Currency When He Went into the Mountains.

New York, Aug. 11.—George E. Moore of this city, buyer for a syndicate operating in timber lots throughout the central portion of New Hampshire, has been missing since last Saturday, according to special dispatches from Manchester. Leaving his companion in camp, he started out alone to examine timber land on the slope of Mount Kearsarge, between the towns of Warner and Sutton. The companion was laid up with an injured ankle, but, becoming alarmed, procured the aid of farmers the following day, searched the mountain thoroughly without finding any trace of Morse. The latter carried nearly \$5000 in currency.

FOR LEWIS AND CLARK EXHIBIT

Olympia Chamber of Commerce Appoints Special Committee.

Olympia, Wash., Aug. 1.—The Olympia Chamber of Commerce indulged in a general discussion of representation of Thurston county products at the Lewis and Clark exposition, at the regular meeting Tuesday night, and the sentiment was favorable to an exhibit, and crystallized in the appointment of a committee of three to present the matter to the farmers and work up interest among crop producers. The committee is composed of John Miller Murphy, Elias Payne and T. J. Kegley.—Oregonian.

NO FREIGHT TO WAR PORTS.

Harriman Lines Will Take No Chances on Troubled District.

Chicago, Aug. 11.—In a circular to shippers the traffic managers of the Harriman lines announce that until further notice the Pacific Mail Steamship Company and the Occidental and Oriental Steamship Company, sailing from San Francisco and the Portland and Asiatic Steamship Company, sailing from Portland, will not accept freight for Japan, Manchuria, Siberia and New Chwang, China.

NAMED BY AN OREGON GIRL.

Senator Mitchell's Daughter Will Christen Cruiser Milwaukee.

San Francisco, Aug. 11.—The date of the launching of the cruiser Milwaukee at the Union Iron Works has been definitely set for the 10th of next month. Miss Janet Mitchell, daughter of the late Senator Mitchell, will christen the vessel.