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## INCIDENT AT CHEFOO EXCITING

### Attack on Russian Destroyer May Involve China in a Very Serious International Difficulty.

### Germany and France Unite in the Protest of Russia to World Powers About Action.

### ANXIOUS ABOUT SQUADRON

### Rejoicings Over Birth of Heir to Russian Throne Tempered by Worry Over Fate of Fleet.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 12.—St. Petersburg tonight is divided between rejoicing over the birth of the heir to the throne and anxiety as to the fate of the Port Arthur squadron. The day was marked by the display of flags, firing salutes, holding religious services and extending official congratulations, and was followed at night by brilliant illuminations.

Street crowds tonight were, however, much quieter than usual on a holiday, for popular rejoicing over the event at Alexandra villa could not dispel the anxiety which prevailed regarding the fate of the squadron, on which so much depends.

At the admiralty, every report received was eagerly scanned, but fragmentary news from foreign and Japanese sources left much doubt as to the result of the fight between the Port Arthur squadron and the Japanese fleet, and as to the whereabouts of the Russian ships.

The last dispatches from Shanghai seem to indicate that the Japanese were beaten off, though with what damage is not clear. Though at least four Russian battleships appear to have reached the open sea, the cruisers Pallada, Askold and Diana and one battleship remains unaccounted for.

### WARSHIPS AT TSHIN CHOU.

### Czarovitch Badly Damaged Being Repaired With German Aid.

Chefoo, Aug. 12.—A late report from Tsinchou says the Russian warships still there are the battleship Czarovitch, protected cruisers Pallada and Novik and three torpedo boat destroyers. The Czarovitch, which is badly damaged, is being repaired with German assistance, it is alleged. A report has also been received here to the effect that Admiral Witthoef was killed in the naval battle off Round Island Wednesday.

A strong detachment of Japanese warships is reported to have sailed south for the purpose of intercepting the Vladivostok fleet, which, it is believed, has not yet reached juncture with the vessels reported to have been purchased by Russia from the Argentine government.

### Togo Reports Battleships.

Tokio, Aug. 12.—Admiral Togo reports that five Russian battleships appeared heavily damaged in the engagement of August 10. The Pobleda lost two masts and one of her heavy guns was disabled. The flagship seems to have sustained the greatest injury. The damage inflicted on the Russian cruisers was comparatively slight. The Bayan has not appeared since the engagement. The damage sustained by the Japanese vessels has been temporarily repaired.

### NAVAL STATEMENT MADE.

### Engagement With the Port Arthur Squadron Explained by Officials.

Tokio, Aug. 12.—The navy department tonight issued a brief statement on the engagement with the Russian Port Arthur squadron, August 10. "According to reports received to date, the enemy's fleet which emerged from Port Arthur was attacked by our fleet south of Yentsu Island. The Russian fleet fled during the night. The cruisers Askold, Novik and another cruiser, with one torpedo boat de-

stroyer, ran into Kiao-Chou bay, August 11. One torpedo boat destroyed went to Chefoo. A Gamber University of Ore Diana, one care and several torpedo boat destroyers seem to have separately returned to Port Arthur between dawn and noon of August 11. Our fleet appears to have sustained no damage."

### JUNK CONFIRMS WAR NEWS.

### Severe Fighting by Night and Day, and 200 Victims of One Shell.

Chefoo, Aug. 12.—A junk which has arrived here, having left Port Arthur August 8, brings confirmation of the previous reports of severe fighting day and night. One Japanese shell struck a corner building in Port Arthur and killed or wounded 200 people. Fifteen six-inch shells fell at one spot on the water front in one day, but hurt no one. It is roughly estimated that the Japanese are from five to eight miles distant from Port Arthur.

### PROTEST AGAINST ATTACK.

### Germany and France Unite in Condemning Action at Chefoo.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 12.—It is said here that both France and Germany are supporting at Peking the protest of the Russian government against the action of the Japanese torpedo boat destroyers in attacking the Russian torpedo boat destroyer Ryesshitel in the harbor of Chefoo.

### TRANSPORTS MUST NOT GO.

### Japanese Delay Engagement Until After Fall of Port Arthur.

Tien Tsin, Aug. 12.—Japanese transports which are now lying at Niu Chwang have been forbidden to depart, presumably because of the fear that they might be subject to danger at sea. It is believed here that the Japanese are delaying a general engagement at Liao Yang until after the fall of Port Arthur, where final assault is thought now to be taking place.

### No Fighting Yet at Sea.

Chefoo, Aug. 12.—A message has just been received here saying the Russian cruiser Novik escaped from Tsinchou as the expiration of the time limit of 24 hours set upon her remaining there. No fighting at sea has yet been reported.

### DROWNED AT SEATTLE.

### Fear Northern Pacific Official Has Perished.

Seattle, Wash., Aug. 12.—A score of Northern Pacific employes are searching Squak slough tonight, endeavoring to find trace of G. B. Cliff, superintendent of the Seattle division and northern lines of the Northern Pacific railway. Cliff was last seen Thursday afternoon, rowing down the slough in a canvas canoe. Tonight oars belonging to the craft were found. Cliff went out to inspect reported jams in the stream, said to have been caused by timbers thrown away when a railway bridge was reconstructed.

### SULTAN'S ARBITRARY CONDUCT.

### British Subject Arrested and Goods Confiscated in Morocco.

Tangier, Aug. 12.—Hamit Jai Ya, the secretary to the Moroccan minister of war, has been arrested and imprisoned here and his goods confiscated under orders of the sultan.

Jai Ya is a British subject, and the European residents are indignant at his arrest. They say life and property, especially where British subjects are concerned, are unsafe. The British legation strongly protested to the Moroccan government, but so far the protest has been entirely ignored.

### BASEBALL.

### Pacific Coast.

At Tacoma—Portland, 13; Tacoma, 7. At San Francisco—Seattle, 1; San Francisco, 2.

At Los Angeles—Oakland, 0; Los Angeles, 1.

### Pacific National.

At Spokane—Boise, 4; Spokane, 0. At Butte—Salt Lake, 6; Butte, 7.

### American.

At St. Louis—Boston, 2; St. Louis, 0. At Chicago—New York, 2; Chicago, 1.

At Cleveland—Philadelphia, 5; Cleveland, 0. At Detroit—Washington, 2; Detroit, 1.

## HEIR TO ALL THE RUSSIA'S CROWN AT PRIVATE PALACE YESTERDAY AFTERNOON

### St. Petersburg Makes Great Demonstrations of Joy Over the Birth of an Heir to the Throne.

### All the Ceremonial Customs Ordained by Imperial Tradition and Russian Law Were Observed All Over the Russian Empire on the Arrival of This Most Significant and Welcome Occasion—Settles Heir Question.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 12.—2:15 p. m.—A son and heir to the Russian throne has been born. The empress and the child are doing well. The accouchement occurred at 12:30 o'clock this afternoon.

The child will be christened Alexis. The birth so greatly wished for, that of an heir to the Russian crown, occurred not in the great palace at Peterhof, but in the Alexandra villa, one of a group of four small palaces in a secluded corner of the magnificent Peterhof park. In one of these buildings the empress had been living for weeks. The other three are occupied by members of the imperial family gathered there in expectation of today's event, including the empress's mother, his majesty's two sisters, the Grand Duchess Xenia and Olga; his brother, Grand Duke Michael, and other relatives.

The Alexandra villa is a much more private spot than the grand palace. The warm, brown tinted buildings, in the center of which rises a tall square watch tower, are set in a thick forest of oaks, birches and lindens, hiding them from view, except toward the gulf of Finland, whose waters almost lap the foundation of the nearest shoreward building. From this section of the park the public had been excluded for days past, while a short mile down the coast children romped and shouted under the deserted windows of the big Peterhof palace, and crowds of visitors gathered each afternoon to watch the marvelous fountains, second only in all Europe to those of Versailles.

The birth of the heir to the throne was attended with all the ceremonial ordained by imperial tradition. In accordance with the Russian law, there were present besides the emperor, Baron Fredericks, the master of ceremonies, and Prince Dolgorouky, the grand marshal of the court, and Dr. Rott, the emperor's physician. Dr. Hiruch was the surgeon in attendance. Dr. Rott announced the birth of the heir to the imperial family. A formal announcement will be published in the Official Messenger.

An imperial salute of 101 guns was subsequently fired, first from Peterhof, and it was then repeated from all the forts around St. Petersburg.

The christening of the heir will take place in a fortnight. It will be a ceremony of the most elaborate sort. In accordance with Russian imperial custom it will be performed in the imperial chapel of the Peterhof palace, credited with being the most magnificent chapel in Russia.

At the chapel of Alexandra villa the emperor and the imperial family attended a te deum.

The formal announcement will be made by the metropolitans of St. Petersburg, Moscow and Kiev, at solemn masses tomorrow. In the various ministries this afternoon the officials were convoked to hear the announcement.

The hearts of the Russian people are likely to be more deeply touched by the good fortune of the imperial family than by a dozen victories or defeats in the far east, and the superstitious Russian character will read in it an augury of a better time.

St. Seraphim, who was canonized last summer by the emperor at Saratoff, has now become a favorite patron saint, as the birth of the heir is attributed chiefly to his interposition. The emperor will signalize the event by some gracious act, like the remission of arrears of taxes and amnesty, and for the next two weeks, until the christening, there will be a holiday and public fetes of all kinds.

There is already a revival of the talk that with the succession to the throne assured, the emperor will follow the example of the house of Romanoff and go to the front.

ed a new industry which combines the making of woodwork and the curing of rheumatism. From a medical school which he attended in Montreal last winter he learned that salicylic acid was a recognized specific for the cure of rheumatism, and that the supply of salicylic acid was obtained from the common white willows which grow on the banks of ponds and streams all over North America. Coming to Danforth he bought a turning lathe and is very busy making small wooden drinking cups from willow trunks.

He makes as many as he can carry and then travels among the summer resorts, selling the cups for 2 cents each and throwing in a warrant to cure rheumatism if the directions are followed. The cure consists in filling the cup with water and letting it stand over night to become impregnated with the salicylic acid, and then drinking the result before eating breakfast. In case the disease is very severe, a half-teaspoonful of cooking soda is put in the cup before filling it with water.

Though the remedy seems very simple, reports of cures come from Bar Harbor, Castine, Old Orchard and other resorts, so that Beaupre is making money rapidly from his invention.

### EMPRESS AND HEIR SAFE.

### Czar Happier Over Birth Than Over Victorious Battles.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 13.—This morning the empress and the heir to the throne are both making satisfactory progress. An imperial manifesto is published announcing the birth of an heir.

In receiving congratulations from his court yesterday, the emperor in a brief reply said: "I am happier at the birth of a son and heir than at the victory of my troops, for now I face the future calmly and without alarm, knowing by this sign that the war will be brought to a happy conclusion."

### Constitution Expected.

Berlin, Aug. 12.—Die Kleine Journal says it expects the birth of an heir to the Russian throne will be followed in a few days by the proclamation of a constitution, claiming to have been informed that Emperor Nicholas vowed he would give a constitution to Russia if the empress gave birth to a son.

### BRYAN WILL LOSE \$50,000.

### Connecticut Supreme Court of Errors Cuts Him Out of Will.

New Haven, Conn., Aug. 12.—A decision adverse to W. J. Bryan in his contest over the will of the late P. S. Bennett was handed down today by the supreme court of errors. The decision virtually denies that Bryan is entitled to the \$50,000 mentioned in the sealed letter written by Bennett and addressed to his widow, which was to be read by her after his death. By this letter the widow was asked to give \$50,000 to Bryan and family.

The decision sustains the opinion given by the superior court in this case last spring, and also the decision of the probate court, before which the matter was brought up. No opinion was filed with the decision.

### BRYAN WILL NOT TALK.

### Feelings on This Subject Are Too Deep for Public Expression.

Indianapolis, Aug. 12.—W. J. Bryan was in Indianapolis tonight, on his way to Freeport, Ill. When told of the decision by the Connecticut court, he declined to discuss the matter further than to say: "It was a close question to decide."

### NOTED GERMAN COMING.

### Prince Henry of Prussia Will Soon Make Tour of United States.

St. Louis, Aug. 12.—Word has been received in St. Louis that Prince Henry of Prussia, his wife and eldest son, will leave Germany in two weeks for a tour of the United States and will come after his arrival in New York directly to St. Louis. The prince is coming in state and will be entertained in the most lavish manner during his stay here by Dr. Theodore Lewald, German imperial commissioner to the world's fair.

Although an effort has been made to keep the matter quiet until the prince's arrival, it is well known among the employes of the national German pavilion that the prince is coming. Dr. Lewald was notified of the proposed trip in a letter and has since communicated the fact to the commissioners in St. Louis.

## ASK MAYOR HARRISON TO STOP IT

### Chicago Stockyards Situation so Hopeless That Executive is Asked by Strikers to Interfere.

### Retail Meat Dealers, Grocers and Strikers Unite in Petition for Speedy Intervention.

### A FAMINE IS THREATENED

### Goaded by Suffering and Stress of Circumstances, Violence is Becoming More Widespread.

Chicago, Aug. 12.—Mayor Harrison will tomorrow be asked to do what he can toward settling the stockyard strike. With all prospects of peace or even peace conferences gone, retail meat dealers and grocers tonight decided to ask the city's executive to take a position in the present conflict similar to that assumed by him in the street car strike last fall. The street railway strike was settled through his efforts. At a meeting of retail dealers a committee of ten persons was appointed to wait upon the mayor tomorrow. Representatives of the strikers were at this meeting and expressed themselves as being satisfied with the plan to ask Mayor Harrison's assistance.

All told, today's violence was more widespread than in any previous twelve hours of the strike. Even President Golden, of the Teamsters' Union, was attacked while trying to rescue Max Falk, a union teamster. Four hundred persons had pursued Falk, not knowing he was a unionist, and were attacking him when Golden appeared. Golden mounted a wagon, took the reins and urged back the mob. Stones and sticks were showered at Golden and Falk before Golden, who suffered many injuries, was recognized.

### STEAMSHIPS ALL RIGHT.

### Manager Schwerin Says They Are Pursuing Sensible Policy.

Portland, Aug. 12.—R. P. Schwerin, general manager of the Pacific Mail and Portland & Asiatic companies, arrived in Portland today. Schwerin, in the course of discussion upon the wisdom of withdrawing from the Japanese service, asserted that stopping Japanese trade has injured but very few. He states he has cabled to the Japanese government to know what protection that government could give traffic, and that government replied as guarantee could be given until after the fall of Port Arthur. Schwerin suggested it would be a good thing if the Portland Chamber of Commerce would "resolute a little to the state department," asking that some protection be granted neutral goods shipped in neutral bottoms, as is usually afforded by the government to its supporters, instead of condemning his company for its unquestionable business-like policy.

### ANOTHER BODY FOUND.

### Only One Unidentified Victim of the Eden Disaster Remains.

Pueblo, Colo., Aug. 12.—One more body was recovered today by searchers seeking missing victims of the Eden disaster. There remains but one unidentified body, that of a woman, probably 50 years of age. There are two wedding rings upon the fingers, and a physician who examined the body stated that the dead woman has been the mother of children.

### WYOMING CONVENTION.

### Rock Springs Selected as Place for Democratic State Meeting.

Cheyenne, Wyo., Aug. 12.—The democratic state central committee has selected Rock Springs as the place where the state convention will be held on September 6 for the nomination of candidates for congress, governor, state treasurer and state supreme bench.