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ALEXIEFF TAKES CHARGE OF FLEET

Assumes Active Command of Squadron at Port Arthur and Hoists His Flag

TOGO ON WEDNESDAY'S FIGHT

Japanese Admiral Reports That the Petropavlovsk Was Sunk by a Mine Placed by the Japanese Tuesday Night—Bombardment Friday Was Without Serious Results.

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Tokio, April 15.—Admiral Togo reports that in an attack on Port Arthur Tuesday night the Japanese sunk mines at midnight and at eight in the morning drew the Russian ships out fifteen miles from port. The Petropavlovsk struck a Japanese mine and was sunk.

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St. Petersburg, April 16.—Viceroy Alexieff took command of the Russian fleet at Port Arthur this afternoon and raised his flag on the battleship Sevastopol.

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Tokio, April 16.—Private advices from Korea confirm the reported missing of 20,000 Russian troops on the right bank of the Yalu, with the object of opposing a Japanese invasion in Manchuria. Also it is unknown when and where the Japanese will attempt a crossing of the Yalu, it is believed when ready they will force a passage without serious loss.

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St. Petersburg, April 16.—A report has gained wide currency here that the battle ship Sevastopol at Port Arthur has been lost, but at 7 p. m. the Associated Press is authoritatively informed the government has received no advices indicating such a disaster has occurred. On the contrary the latest account received here was to the effect that the Sevastopol is unharmed.

BOMBARDMENT FRIDAY.

Japanese Said to Have Suffered Some Damage to Ships.

Port Arthur, April 15.—(Delayed—At about ten this (Friday) morning the Japanese squadron numbering twenty-three vessels was sighted. They formed in two divisions one taking up a position behind Cape Liao-Shan, shelling the shore and Tiger peninsula while the other bombarded Golden Hill and other batteries from a point opposite the roadstead. The fire continued intermittently until 1 o'clock in the afternoon. The Russian ships replied with indirect fire and made good practice. According to some reports two Japanese ships were injured. There was no damage done to the forts or town. Some Chinese were killed and a few Chinese and Russians wounded.

NOT WORK OF ENEMY.

Russians Still Deny That Japs Sank the Petropavlovsk.

St. Petersburg, April 16.—The highest authorities at the admiralty make the following statements to the Associated Press:

"You can deny with absolute assurance the report that the enemy was in any way responsible for the disaster to the Petropavlovsk. Admiral Makaroff never left the harbor without dragging for mines. We believe the Petropavlovsk's boilers blew up. They were of an old Scotch type. We also consider it quite likely that an unexploded whitehead torpedo caused the Pobjeda's injury, as the explosion occurred just at her water line." Novosti, reviewing the naval situation, argues there is no cause for despair, the ships left at Port Arthur and Vladivostok still constituting what Captain Mahin calls a "fleet in being" which leaves the Japanese free to act. The first two brigades of nine Siberian rifle brigades have been ordered converted into nine divisions, increasing their numerical strength to about 100,000 men. Russ prints a sensational telegram from Moscow saying its correspondent has noticed during the last three days that the Japanese are hurriedly leaving that city, owing, it is said, to orders received from China. The report is ridiculed at the Chinese legation here, where it is said relations between China and Russia are good.

RUSSIANS ASK FOR NEWS.

Call on Emperor to Allow Full and Accurate Reports of Fighting.

St. Petersburg, April 16.—3:50 p. m.—No further details have been received of yesterday's bombardment at Port Arthur, except that it was practically without results, so far as injury to ships or forts is concerned. There is considerable criticism at the meagerness of official dispatches and some papers are strongly appealing to the emperor for full and complete information, saying that the empire and the people are ready to make sacrifices and

are strong enough to accept any news, even the worst. Novosti complains especially at the absence of newspaper telegrams from the numerous correspondents at the front, arguing that it will weaken popular interest in the war, resulting in cutting down the stream of contributions to the war fund.

NO LAND BATTLE FOUGHT.

Japanese and Russians, However, Are Near Each Other at Wiju. Seoul, April 16.—No battle has been fought at Wiju. The Russians occupy strongly fortified positions at Chiu-Tien-Cheng, on the Manchurian side of the river about ten miles north of Antung and on Tiger Hill, a rocky promontory jutting out into the Yalu river. The Japanese forces and batteries are screened behind the hill between the river and Wiju. A recent dispatch from Liao said Russian intrenchments on the Yalu had been completed. The center of the line of fortified positions is at Antung. The right flank rests at Tatung, Kao, about twenty-five miles southwest of Antung and left at Chiu-Tien-Cheng. It has been reported there are about 20,000 Russians, composed of infantry, cavalry and artillery at Antung ready to oppose the Japanese if they attempt to cross the river and a recent dispatch from Tokio says it was known that the Russians were in force on Manchurian side of the Yalu. The major force of the first Japanese army to land in Korea is near Wiju according to a dispatch from Korea, and the Japanese are said to be landing at Chulsan, near the mouth of the Yalu. There have been frequent skirmishes between the Russian and Japanese troops in the vicinity of Wiju during the last week.

PROTEST AGAINST ORDER.

Wireless Companies Balk at Alexieff's Stringent Measures. Washington, April 16.—One of the principal wireless telegraph companies has filed at the state department an energetic protest against the decree of Admiral Alexieff that newspaper correspondents using wireless telegraphy in the far east during the war shall be treated as spies. The state department has taken the protest under consideration, but following its almost unbroken practice it probably will decline to take any action on a hypothetical case. If an American citizen is arrested by Russian officials the state department will immediately lay down a line of policy to meet this novel departure in international law.

SYMPATHY OFFERED RUSSIA.

St. Petersburg, April 16.—A number of foreign ambassadors, acting under instructions, have extended to Russia the condolences of their governments on the Petropavlovsk disaster. Ambassador McCormick did not receive any inquiries, but he took occasion to explain to Foreign Minister Lansdorff his personal sympathy with the bereavement of the families of those lost on the ship.

JAPANESE CONSORTS.

Seoul, April 16.—General Hamaguchi commander of the Japanese forces here has established a censorate at his headquarters at Seoul and will also probably establish a similar bureau at Chemulpo, Korea, which is more convenient than Nagasaki, Japan, where dispatches have been censored.

BLIZZARD IN EAST

Whole of the Adirondacks Country in the Grip of a Severe Storm—Ten to Fifteen Inches of Snow Have Fallen. Glen Falls, N. Y., April 16.—The whole of the Adirondacks country today is in the grasp of a blizzard which for severity has not been equalled during the past winter. From ten to fifteen inches of snow fell during the night. County roads are blocked and traffic on steam and electric lines delayed.

THOMAS AND O'BRIEN COUNTY.

W. D. Boies Says Congressman Is Not Yet in Control. Sioux City, April 15.—W. D. Boies, of Sheldon, a delegate to the republican county convention of O'Brien county, which will be held at Primghar next Wednesday in Sioux City yesterday. He said that Lot Thomas did not have a majority of the delegates to the convention. "The judge is not in control yet," Mr. Boies said. "Whether he shall be or not depends upon the work which will be done by the leaders. The prospects are that this will be the warmest convention ever held in our county."

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WILL BE READY FOR OPENING DAY

Director of Exhibits at the Fair Says Everything Will Be in Place Soon

20,000 WORKMEN ARE EMPLOYED

Work is Progressing in Such a Way as to Leave No Doubt That the Big Show Will Be Ready for the Opening On the Date Originally Determined Upon.

BEATS WALL STREET.

Kansas City Man Secures \$3,000,000 Issue of Philippine Certificates. Washington, April 16.—S. J. Jones of Kansas City will be in New York today with \$3,000,000 Philippine certificates of indebtedness for sale. Certain New York bankers who recently snubbed Mr. Jones will get a chance to buy these bonds at an advance.

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T.-R. BULLETIN. NOTICEABLE NEWS OF TODAY

The Weather. Sun rises April 17, 5:19; sets, 6:41. Iowa—Fair tonight, probably followed by showers in the west Sunday; slowly rising temperature Sunday and in the northwest tonight.

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Iowa and Commercial: Wheat Ruled Easier. Board of Trade Quotations. Cattle Market Strong. The Review of Trade. and injury of his business and credit. T. N. Holman was the former owner of Holman's island in the Missouri river, the island being created when a Missouri river cut off a "big bend" some years ago, and transferred about 2,000 acres of valuable Monona county, Ia., soil into Nebraska at one fell swoop. Holman purchased most of the island from the original owners and made a small fortune raising hogs and cattle thereon, and has since retired supreme as king of the island, but has been considerably annoyed at times by squatters who sought to assail his title to the accretion land.

WILL SIGN TODAY

One Miner Point Remains to be Settled Between the Operators and Miners and Scale is Likely to be Signed Late Today. Special to Times-Republican. Des Moines, April 16.—The miners and operators are not agreed as yet on the size of the working room in the mines. This point is likely to be settled late this afternoon and the scale will then be signed and work will be resumed Monday. It is believed that the greatest victory has been won by the operators, notwithstanding the fact that a concession is presumed to have been made by them in order to bring about the required settlement. Their concession consists in granting the miners a minimum wage for top man of \$1.80 per day, after the reduction of 5.55 per cent applies on this class of wage above this amount. In Jasper and Polk counties the operators have been paying \$1.90 per day. The reduction brings the wage of the men in these two counties down to the minimum. The cost of the strike has been very great, but the principal weight has fallen on the men who are out of work for the period of inactivity. The estimated average wage of the 12,000 men affected is about \$2.50 per day, which brings the estimated wages lost in the two weeks to about \$150,000. The expenses of the men out of work for the period of inactivity, the conferences have been about \$50,000 which together with the incidentals aggregate the total to about \$200,000. The operators state that the delay in the work has been their gain rather than loss for the reason that the period of inactivity has offered them an opportunity of repairing their machinery and otherwise making necessary changes which would have compelled the closing of the mines in any event.

STRICKEN ON THE STREET.

Well Known Citizen of Iowa Falls Meets Sudden Death. Special to Times-Republican. Iowa Falls, April 16.—H. C. Weber, well known at Ackley and Hampton, died here very suddenly last evening, death being due to acute dilation of the heart. His age was 39. Recently he came here to work in the Welden Department Store. While on his way home from the store he dropped in the street and died an hour later. The remains were taken to Waterloo today for interment. A wife and two children survive. The family has planned to return here today to make their home, but in place of a welcome from the father and husband they found his corpse.

BIG DAMAGES FOR SLANDER.

F. E. McNutt Sues I. N. Holman in Monona County Court. Onawa, April 16.—F. E. McNutt, of Holman's island, by his attorneys, Jeffers, Howell & Shotman, of Omaha, and Ed E. Conlin, of Onawa, has commenced an action in the Monona county district court against T. N. Holman, claiming \$20,000 damages for slander

TRIED TO LYNCH AT WASHTA, IA.

Harry Thompson Shoots Mayor Brim While Drunk and Resisting Arrest

MOB GATHERED AT CITY JAIL