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AMERICAN CRUISING PRECEDED BY RUSSIANS

Battleship Pobieda Also Struck a Mine and Was Crippled.

Torpedo Boat Destroyer Sunk by Togo's Fleet—Vice Admiral Skrydloff to Succeed Makaroff.

St. Petersburg, April 15, 5:52 a. m.—Rumors are current here that Vice Admiral Togo sent in a number of steamers on the night of March 31, and succeeded in sinking several of them and in blocking the channel of Port Arthur. The rumors cannot be confirmed at this hour.

The date referred to by the correspondent in the above dispatch, March 31, is probably according to the old style calendar, by which the event would have taken place on April 13, according to the new style calendar.

St. Petersburg, April 14.—It has been definitely decided that Vice Admiral Skrydloff, commander of the Black sea fleet, will succeed the late Admiral Makaroff as commander-in-chief of the Russian naval forces in the far east. Orders have been sent to Vice Admiral Skrydloff to come to St. Petersburg for the purpose of receiving instructions, after which he will leave immediately for the far east.

St. Petersburg, April 14.—Rear Admiral Outkumsky's vessel from Port Arthur today, the *Bezzachlani*, one of the Russian torpedo boat destroyers sent out during the night to reconnoitre, became separated from the rest of the fleet, owing to the bad weather prevailing, was surrounded by Japanese torpedo boat destroyers and was sunk in the night. Five men were saved. Admiral Outkumsky adds:

I have taken command provisionally of the fleet since the disaster to the *Petrovavsk*, during some minutes of the sinking of the battleship *Pobieda* struck against a mine amidship on the starboard side. She was unable to retain port by the engine, and on board of her was killed or wounded.

The *Pobieda* is a battleship of 12,750 tons displacement and of 14,000 horse power. The hull is 300 feet long, 31 feet beam and draws twenty-six feet of water, and is heavily armored with steel. She was completed in 1901, has a complement of 1,000 men, and is capable of making eighteen knots. The steel armor of the battleship varies in thickness from four to nine and a half inches along her belt. The armaments of the *Pobieda* consists of four ten-inch guns, eleven six-inch guns, sixteen three-inch guns, ten 1.5-inch guns and seventeen 1.4-inch guns. She has six torpedo tubes.

JAPS CLAIM CREDIT.

Different Story of the Sinking of the Battleship.

Tokio, April 15, 5 p. m.—A brief report from an admiralty source here, according to the Japanese navy department this afternoon, says Vice Admiral Togo's fleet on the night of March 31 in the morning and succeeded in sinking the battleship *Pobieda*, and one torpedo boat destroyer. The Japanese sustained no losses. One Japanese was wounded.

A detailed report of the engagement is expected hourly.

Osaka, April 15, 11 a. m.—It has been learned from Japanese sources here that the attack on the Russian fleet was planned to take place on the night of March 31.

At daylight the Japanese torpedo boats entered the harbor. They then advanced and struck the main squadron, sinking the battleship *Pobieda* and one torpedo boat destroyer. The Japanese torpedo boats were destroyed.

OFFICIAL DENIAL.

Russians Do Not Give the Japs Credit For the Catastrophe.

St. Petersburg, April 14.—Rear Admiral Togo's fleet was responsible for the sinking of the battleship *Pobieda* and a torpedo boat destroyer. The Japanese sustained no losses. One Japanese was wounded.

Chance For Controversy.

A mine struck the battleship *Pobieda* in the channel in the opinion of the general staff. It is true that the vessel sank in full view of Vice Admiral Togo's fleet, which was seen on the horizon, but her loss was not caused through the agency of that fleet. There is a disposition, however, to raise a controversy as to whether the explosion occurred inside or outside the harbor.

The first dispatch received from Rear Admiral Skrydloff, commander of the Russian fleet, distinctly stated that the ship struck a mine and sank. The general staff, however, is inclined to believe that the vessel was destroyed by a mine.

Horror of the Accident.

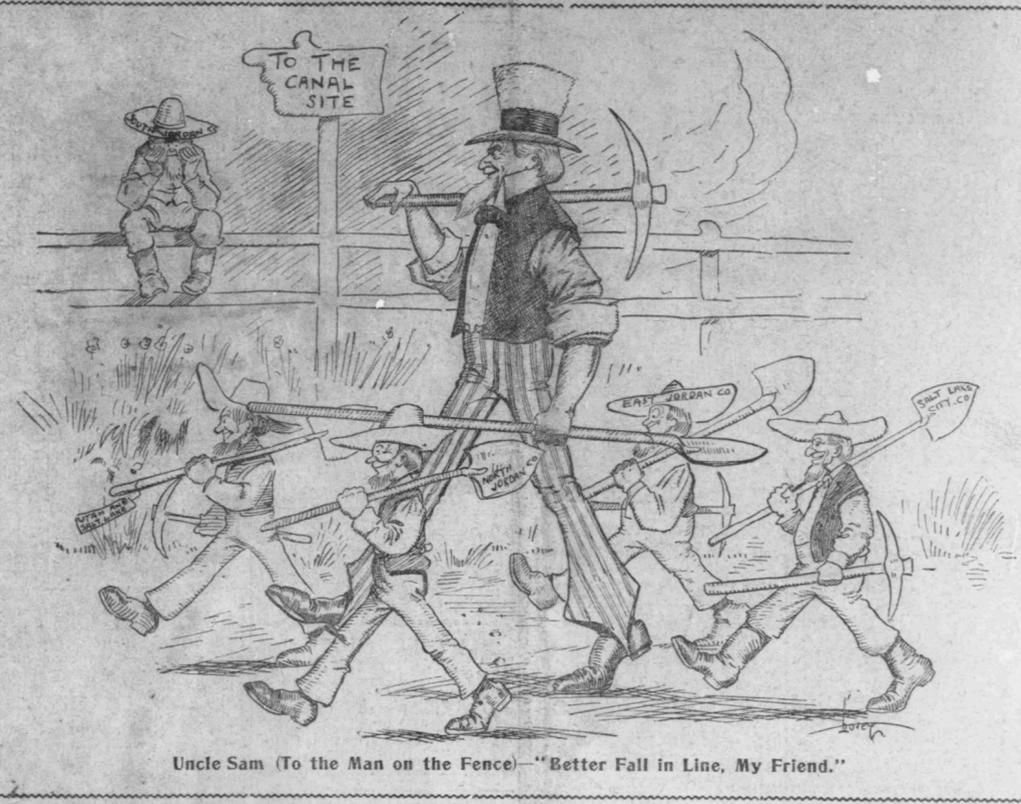
Grand Duke Boris, who witnessed the disaster from Golden Hill, was shocked to his father, Grand Duke Vladimir, when the ship struck the mine and sank. He then turned to his wife and said: "The catastrophe was a terrible one."

CHEFOO ADVICES.

Russian Battleship Said to Have Been Torpedoed.

London, April 14.—No further news from Japanese sources concerning the Port Arthur disaster has reached London. The *Daily Mail* says that correspondents declare that advice from both Russian and Japanese sources indicates that the battleship *Petrovavsk* was torpedoed by a mine on the night of March 31.

The mine theory, which has been advanced, is supported by the fact that the battleship *Pobieda* was struck by a mine amidship.



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NO ONE OF THE CREW ESCAPED ALIVE

Cause of the Accident on the Missouri May Never Be Known.

Big Battleship Was Saved From Total Destruction by Heroic Action of Gunner's Mate.

Washington, April 14.—The bulletin regarding the disaster on the battleship *Missouri* was posted at the navy department today:

"The following wounded have died: 'Orvel E. Moe, auxiliary gunner's mate, first class.' 'The following additional have been reported as dead: 'James E. Knight, master-at-arms, second class.' 'Edward Elliott, muster-at-arms, second class.' 'The following named in yesterday's dispatch which did not agree with the records of the bureau, have been found to refer to the following: 'George K. Peterson, boatwain's mate, first class.' 'Herbert Schelbarth, landsman, first class.'"

WASHINGTON, April 14.—Upon his arrival at the navy department today Secretary Moody gave orders that arrangements be made for the transportation of all bodies of the officers and crew of the battleship *Missouri* yesterday. If it is found there is no fund available for this purpose, a request will be made on the part of the navy department.

It is said at the navy department that Rear Admiral French E. Chadwick, commander-in-chief of the South Atlantic squadron, has been made president of the court of inquiry which will investigate the disaster, probably will convene the court today.

Senator Quesada, the Cuban minister, called at the state department today to offer the sympathy of President Quesada to the navy department for the *Missouri* catastrophe.

The following cablegram was received today by the secretary of the navy from the British admiralty:

"The board of admiralty wishes to express their sympathy and condolence on the occasion of the gun accident on board the *Missouri* and their regret for the loss of life of officers and men."

Relief Fund.

The president has contributed the sum of \$100 and the secretary of the navy a like sum as the nucleus of a fund for the relief of the families of the next of kin of the enlisted men who lost their lives in the disaster on the *Missouri*. The money has been placed in the hands of the treasurer, General Harris, U. S. N., chief of the bureau of supplies and accounts, who has been constituted the custodian of the fund and who will distribute the money for the relief of the families of the next of kin of the enlisted men.

COCHRAN OF MISSOURI WIELDS THE HAMMER.

WASHINGTON, April 14.—The house of representatives today passed the Philippine bill, following which there was an extended debate over a resolution to permit Colonel Thomas W. Symons of the engineer corps of the army to serve on the advisory board of consulting engineers in connection with the proposed improvements in the state of New York. After several fiery speeches had been made in opposition to the resolution, it was adopted by an overwhelming vote. The general deficiency bill was taken up and Mr. Hamilton (Mich.) discussed capital and labor, while Mr. Cochran (Mo.) criticized the "usurpation of the legislative power by the executive," and said that ex-President Cleveland had been severely criticized by Mr. Williams of Illinois, who said that the measure did not meet the approval of many Republicans because it was outrageous in its attack against the Philippines. By guaranteeing the Philippines to the United States, the Philippines would be forced to pay into the treasury of the United States a large sum of money. The Philippines commission, he vehemently asserted, was the American people's enemy.

Never to Be Reinstated.

He declared Mr. Cleveland had been put into exile, never again to be restored to the country of his birth and usurpation in forcing his financial policies on the people. Mr. Cleveland, he declared, was a man whose friendship had been secured by the bribery and paralysis and whose support meant dishonor.

Check and Letter.

The president accompanied his check for \$100 with the following letter to Secretary Moody:

"My Dear Mr. Secretary: May I send through you this contribution to be used for the relief of the families of the enlisted men who have just been killed on board the *Missouri*. Under the conditions of modern warfare in order of efficiency to be maintained, it is a matter of life and death that the enlisted men who have just been killed on board the *Missouri* should be able to support their families. I am inexpressibly grieved and shocked at the terrible catastrophe, and I desire to express to those who have thus suddenly and without warning been bereaved of their loved ones, my sympathy and condolence."

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No Flame Blown Back.

It is learned from unofficial information that previous to the accident to the gun on board the *Missouri* there had been no flame blown back whatever. The ship's gunners had been relatively very slow in fact, only half as rapid as that of the Alabama's. The turret roof was not injured, and the man was blown overboard from the turret top.

Experts Busy.

The expert in such matters as the cause of the explosion of the turret on the *Missouri* is an expert in the cause of the explosion of the turret on the *Missouri*. The expert in such matters as the cause of the explosion of the turret on the *Missouri* is an expert in the cause of the explosion of the turret on the *Missouri*.

Magazine Flooded.

The magazine was totally flooded with water. The water was so high that it was necessary to pump it out. The magazine was flooded with water.

Total of Thirty-two Deaths.

The total list of dead now numbers thirty-two, one man having expired last night and two men today. It is hardly probable that the number of the dead will be increased by the bodies of the men who were killed on the *Missouri*.

Problem to Be Solved.

Because of the necessity of repairing the electrical apparatus which was destroyed by the explosion, the *Missouri* will be ordered to New York for repairs.

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