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Tokio Advised by Admiral Urui of Sinking of Two Russian Battleships.

JAPANESE SUSTAIN NO LOSSES IN ENGAGEMENT

St. Petersburg Learns of Sinking of Torpedo Boat Destroyer From Official Source.

Tokio, April 14—Brief reports from Admiral Urui of Wednesday's fighting off Port Arthur say that Vice-Admiral Togo's fleet attacked Port Arthur early yesterday morning and succeeding in sinking the first class battleship Petreropavolovsk and one torpedo boat destroyer. The Japanese sustained no losses. One Japanese was wounded in the engagement.

Sunk By Japanese.

St. Hetersburg, April, 14.—It is officially announced today that the torpedo boat destroyer Bezstrashni, cut off from the rest of the fleet during the manouvreing yesterday was sunk by the Japanese and that her crew was lost. The battleship Pobieda struck a mine while returning to the harbor after the engagement, but reached her destination without loss of life.

Tokio, April 14.—An official telegram from Wiju says that a company of Russian troops attempted to cross the first stream of the Yalu river west of Wiju Tuesday and that a company of Japanese attacked and drove the Russians back. The bodies of twenty dead Russians, the telegram adds, were found after the fight. Their uniforms showed that they belonged to the Twelfth regiment of sharpshooters.

The dispatch adds that small parties of Russians without uniforms have attempted to cross the Yalu river at different points between Wiju and Yongampho and that they were all driven back.

SKIRMISH ON THE YALU.

Japanese Compel Russians to Retreat Inland.

Tokio, April 14.—Details of the first skirmish on the Yalu river, which occurred last Sunday, have arrived in the official report of Admiral Posoga. The text of the report follows:

"In accordance with my instructions the captain of the cruiser Kasaga directed Lieutenant Kamaguchi, with five men, to scout in the mouth of the Yalu. They accomplished their work and safely returned to the Kasaga on Monday. They entered the river in a Korean junk and at 2 o'clock Sunday discovered a party of Russians leaving the right bank of the river near Toagtoryuho in a junk. Lieutenant Yamaguchi attacked them, a patrol of mounted Japanese troops on the left bank of the river joining in the attack. In the meantime another large Russian junk joined the first one and opened fire on the Japanese. The Russians retired and reached the bank. They then fled inland. The exchange of fire lasted one hour and twenty minutes. The enemy had one killed and two wounded. We had no casualties. Four hundred empty cartridges were found in the Russian junks. We believe the Russians were a cavalry patrol watching the river."

IN HANDS OF JUDGES

HEARING IN FEDERAL COURT FOR CONTROL OF NORTHERN PACIFIC ROAD ENDED.

FINAL ARGUMENTS OF ATTORNEYS

W. G. JOHNSON CLOSES FOR DEFENDANTS AND W. GUTHRIE FOR PLAINTIFFS.

St. Paul, April 14.—The Hill-Harriman battle for control of the Northern Pacific road ended in the circuit court during the morning and the decision is now being considered by the judges.

William G. Johnson, possibly the most famous corporation attorney in the United States, occupied the first part of the morning's debate in behalf of the Hill interests.

Mr. Johnson created a series of sensations by his sarcastic references to the Harriman crowd. His epithets, although robed in polished diction, were sharp and bitter.

He charged the Harrimans with seeking delays so that they can scare owners of Northern Securities stock into selling out at a cheap figure and said that such delays were dangerous to the people, the world's markets and to general business conditions.

Mr. Johnson laid special stress on the objection filed with the court Tuesday by Attorney General Knox to the intervention of the Harrimans.

Sees Difference in Plans.

It was defendant's plan, counsel claimed, to distribute the stock pro rata among 3,000 stockholders. It was Harriman's plan to get one whole block.

William Guthrie, closing for the Harrimans, dealt almost entirely with urging the court to see fit to examine the books of the Northern Securities company and charged that, contrary to Mr. Hill's statement, the Hill-Morgan interests still controlled the two lines through "dummy" holders of stock.

He charged the Northern Securities company with having bought Great Northern and Northern Pacific stock in disobedience to the court's decree.

Elihu Root made an impassioned denial and said that his clients were being charged with contempt of court and that the charge was not true.

Court adjourned when the hearing concluded, the judges taking the case under advisement.

NINE OF THE CREW KILLED

TURRET GUN ON BATTLESHIP MISSOURI EXPLODES DURING TARGET PRACTICE.

Washington, April 14.—A dispatch received at the navy department from Pensacola, Fla., says that a turret gun on the battleship Missouri exploded during target practice, killing nine men and injuring four or five others.

LIVED AMONG SAVAGES.

Miss Caroline Jones, Indian Missionary, Is Dead.

Appleton, Wis., April 14.—Miss Caroline Jones, who, as an Indian missionary in the fifties, worked alone among the wild tribes of this state, principally in the Lake Winnebago and the Fox river territories, is dead at the age of eighty-one from erysipelas.

She narrowly escaped death by fire at the hands of Indians several times and was more than once in captivity. She was born in East Randolph, Vt., in 1823 and came here from Oberlin, O., in 1849, after being educated for missionary work. For forty-one years she lived alone on a farm on the wild shores of Lake Butledes Mortes, near here.

RESULT AS YET UNKNOWN

ST. PETERSBURG REPORTS SAY NAVAL BATTLE IS RAGING OFF PORT ARTHUR.

St. Petersburg, April 14.—A naval battle is progressing off Port Arthur, the result of which is yet unknown. The Japanese fleet, including torpedo boats and torpedo boat destroyers, totals forty. Vice Admiral Makaroff ordered his whole squadron out of the harbor to meet the attack.

According to the Associated Press informant, while preparing to draw up his line of battle in the outer roadstead, the Petropavlovsk struck a mine on her starboard side amidships and immediately began to heel. Before the crew could flood the port compartments of the vessel in order to keep her on an even keel she turned turtle and sank in a few minutes, carrying down almost the entire crew. The four officers who escaped were saved because they were standing on the upper bridge. The frightful loss of life among the officers and men was due to the fact that they were all at their stations ready for action.

When the news of Grand Duke Cyril's miraculous escape reached his parents here a Te Deum service was held at the Vladimir palace.

The correspondent of the Associated Press was informed there that Grand Duke Boris was going to accompany his brother to Mukden. According to the advices received there Grand Duke Cyril's injuries are slight.

FLEET ACTION PROCEEDING.

British Cruiser Hears Sound of Heavy Firing.

Weihaiwei, April 14.—The British gunboat Espiegle, which left Newchwang recently for this port, has arrived here and reports that at daylight Wednesday, while off Port Arthur, she heard the sound of heavy firing, saw the flash of guns and believed that a fleet action was proceeding. Three men-of-war of unknown nationality were seen in the distance.

The action fought off Port Arthur appears to have consisted, according to the reports received here, of an unsuccessful attempt made by four Japanese cruisers and one battleship to intercept a large Russian cruiser coming from the east.

The Russian protected cruiser Askold and a battleship of the Pobieda type went to the assistance of the Russian cruiser. The forts at Port Arthur did not participate in the action. The firing was continuous, but was of short duration.

The Espiegle, which brought the news here, was unable, owing to the distance, to ascertain the damage done.

WANTED IN SMOOT CASE.

Number of Important Witnesses Cannot Be Found.

Washington, April 14.—Senator Burrows has notified Senator Smoot that five witnesses subpoenaed in the pending Smoot investigation have not been found. They are John W. Taylor, J. M. Tanner, Heber J. Grant, Mathias F. Cowley and Lillian Hamlin Cannon. Senator Burrows suggested to Senator Smoot that in view of the statement of President Joseph F. Smith that he would endeavor to have all witnesses summoned or wanted to appear that it would be well to inform Mr. Smith that the witnesses named were wanted. Senator Smoot wrote President Smith to this effect.

PREFERS TO BE EXECUTED.

Prisoner Objects to Commutation of Sentence.

Boise, Ida., April 14.—George Levy, condemned to die next Friday for the murder of David Levy, an aged miser, and who was Tuesday granted clemency by the pardon board, was furious when he received word that his sentence had been commuted to life imprisonment.

"I will not accept it," he declared wildly. "If I am guilty hang me now; if I am not give me my liberty."

WILL SIT DURING RECESS

SENATE MAY ORDER AN INVESTIGATION OF POSTOFFICE DEPARTMENT.

Washington, April 14.—A proposal to pass a resolution for a postoffice investigation has been discussed by some of the Republican members of the senate committee on postoffices and postroads, though a determination for such an inquiry has not been fully decided upon by the Republican leaders. The resolution which has been suggested will provide that a sub-committee of the committee on postoffices and postroads may receive during the recess of congress any specific charges made against any official or person and determine whether such charges should be investigated. Members of the committee say that the resolution will provide for a committee during the recess, at which specific charges will be taken up when presented, but that no general inquiry will be instituted.

President Roosevelt had a conference during the day with Senator Penrose, chairman of the committee on postoffices and postroads, and, subsequently, one with Senator Aldrich, the Republican floor leader of the senate. Both interviews related to the proposition that the senate provide for an investigation of the affairs of the postoffice department.

The president maintains the same position now that he has held from the inception of the troubles in the postoffice department—that the department must be purged from all suspicion.

MANY NARROW ESCAPES.

Fire Destroys Automobile Works at Detroit.

Detroit, April 14.—A gasoline explosion at the Cadillac automobile works caused a fire that damaged the plant to the extent of $200,000. The loss is covered by insurance. Four employes were injured.

The flames spread with such rapidity that a number of the 500 men employed at the plant were compelled to slide down telegraph poles alongside the buildings and to jump from the windows.

COLORED CHILDREN BARRED

DEMONSTRATION BY WHITE PUPILS OF THE KANSAS CITY (KAN.) HIGH SCHOOL.

Kansas City, April 14.—The murder of Roy Martin, a freshman in the Kansas City (Kan.) high school, by Louis Gregory, a negro, caused a demonstration by the white pupils at the school building. When the eighty negro pupils went to school they were prevented from entering the building by the 700 white children, boys and girls, who blocked the doorways.

"No negro pupil can enter this building, at least until Roy Martin is buried," declared a leader among the white boys. This sentiment was echoed by the other white pupils and the negroes, after a brief parley, left the scene. The teachers urged the pupils not to go too far, but made no attempt to change their purpose. Gregory is in jail. No further trouble is expected.

Hunt Will Succeed Knowles.

Washington, April 14.—The resignation of Judge Herman Knowles as United States district judge for Montana has been received and accepted. The president has decided as Judge Knowles' successor William H. Hunt, now governor of Porto Rico. The appointment will go to the senate in a few days.

JURYMAN SENT TO JAIL.

Watson Trial at Washington Terminates Suddenly.

Washington, April 14.—The case of James M. A. Watson, accused of embezzling $73,000 from funds in the custody of the auditor of the District of Columbia, was ended during the day by the discharge of the jury and the arrest of one of the jurors, Arthur L. Orrison, for contempt of court. The trial will not begin again until the middle of May.

The abrupt termination of the case was precipitated by the request of Orrison to be informed by the court whether Watson was to be tried on the indictment against him or on public opinion. Justice Pritchard replied that public opinion had nothing to do with the jury, which was to consider only the law and the evidence.

The court then held a private conference with the attorneys, following which Assistant District Attorney Taggart moved the discharge of the jury on the ground that Orrison's question indicated a prejudice against the government in the case. The court promptly discharged the jury, prefacing the action by saying that "the juror is intoxicated and not in condition to sit in the box."

At the afternoon session of court Justice Pritchard adjudged Orrison in contempt of court and sentenced him to two months in jail.

PLEDGED TO OLNEY.

Majority of Massachusetts Democratic Delegates.

Boston, April 14.—Returns practically complete from the state Democratic caucuses show that fully two-thirds of the delegates chosen to the state convention are pledged to Richard Olney for the presidential nomination. The remaining delegates will support William R. Hearst. Olney delegates were chosen in all but one ward in Boston and outside of this city delegates favoring him were elected in all but three of the fourteen congressional districts. The three districts, the Third, Fifth and Seventh, known as the "labor districts," declared for Hearst.

NEARLY THE ENTIRE CREW IS DROWNED

RUSSIANS LOSE EIGHT HUNDRED BY SINKING OF BATTLESHIP PETROPAVLOVSK.

VICE ADMIRAL MAKAROFF A VICTIM

NAVAL COMMANDER AT PORT ARTHUR ON BOARD WHEN DISASTER OCCURRED.

VESSEL STRUCK MINE IN HARBOR

ACCIDENT TAKES PLACE WHILE FLEET IS MOVING OUT TO MEET JAPANESE.

St. Petersburg, April 14.—A semi-official telegram received here says that the battleship Petropavlovsk has been sunk off Port Arthur and that only four of the officers were saved, among them being the Grand Duke Cyril, who was wounded.

It is officially announced that Vice Admiral Makaroff was drowned at the

VICE-ADMIRAL MAKAROFF.

time of the sinking of the battleship Petropavlovsk.

While going out to meet the Japanese fleet off Port Arthur the Petropavlovsk struck a mine in the outer roadstead, heeled over, turned turtle and sank. Practically the whole of her crew were lost. The Petropavlovsk was flying the flag of Vice Admiral Makaroff.

The result of the naval battle which, according to the most reliable authority, was in progress according to the last reports has not been received.

Another account says twenty men escaped from the disaster to the Petropavlovsk. Grand Duke Cyril was only saved from death by a miracle. His brother, Grand Duke Boris, witnessed the catastrophe through a marine glass.

It is now believed that the mine which sank the Petropavlovsk had drifted out of its original position.

The latest estimate of the number of men who lost their lives is 800.

ABOUT FORTY MEN ESCAPE

OFFICIAL REPORT OF THE SINKING OF THE BATTLESHIP PETROPAVLOVSK.

St. Petersburg, April 14.—The following official dispatch has been received here from Rear Admiral Grigorovitch, the commandant at Port Arthur, addressed to the emperor:

"The Petropavlovsk struck a mine, which blew her up and she turned turtle. Our squadron was under Golden hill. The Japanese squadron was approaching. Vice Admiral Makaroff evidently was lost. Grand Duke Cyril was saved. He is slightly injured. Captain Jakovleff was saved, though severely injured, as were five officers and thirty-two men, all more or less injured.

"The enemy's fleet has disappeared. Rear Admiral Prince Ouktomsky has assumed command of the fleet."

The following dispatch to the czar has been received from Viceroy Alexieff, dated Mukden:

"A telegram has just been received from Lieutenant General Stoessel, commander of the military forces at Port Arthur. I regret to report to your majesty that the Pacific fleet has suffered irreparable loss by the death of its brave and capable commander, who was lost, together with the Petropavlovsk."

Another dispatch from Viceroy Alexieff to the czar says:

"According to reports from the commandant at Port Arthur the battleships and cruisers went out to meet the enemy, but in consequence of the enemy receiving reinforcements, making his total strength thirty vessels, our squadron returned to the roadstead, whereupon the Petropavlovsk touched a mine, resulting in her destruction."

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