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CUT OFF BY THE JAPS

TORPEDO BOAT DESTROYER ZESTRASHNI SUNK BY FIRE OF ENEMY'S FLEET.

ONLY FIVE OF THE CREW SURVIVE

BATTLESHIP POBIEIDA SUFFERS DAMAGE BY ACCIDENTALLY STRIKING A MINE.

NO ONE ON BOARD SUSTAINS INJURY

FURTHER NAVAL LOSSES PLUNGE THE RUSSIAN NATION INTO RENEWED GRIEF.

St. Petersburg, April 15.—It was officially announced during the day that the torpedo boat destroyer Zestrashni was cut off from the rest of the Russian fleet at Port Arthur and sunk by the Japanese; that her crew was lost and that the battleship Pobieda accidentally struck a mine while maneuvering, but was able to return to the harbor without loss of life.

The exact character of the injuries to the Pobieda are not obtainable at this hour.

FURTHER LOSS FOR RUSSIA

OFFICIAL REPORT OF LOSS OF A DESTROYER AND DAMAGE TO WARSHIP.

St. Petersburg, April 15.—Rear Admiral Prince Ouktomsky wires from Port Arthur that the Zestrashni, one of the Russian torpedo boat destroyers sent out during the night to reconnoiter, 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 fight. Five men were saved. Admiral Ouktomsky adds: "I have taken command provisionally of the fleet since the disaster to the Zestrashni."

"During some maneuvering of the battleship squadron the Pobieda struck against a mine amidships on the starboard side. She was able to regain port by herself. No one on board of her was killed or wounded."

REGARDED AS SEVERE BLOW

LOSS OF DESTROYER AND DAMAGE TO WARSHIP STUNS ST. PETERSBURG.

St. Petersburg, April 15.—The official bulletin conveying the intelligence of the loss of another torpedo boat destroyer and the accidental crippling of another battleship was almost as severe a blow as the loss of the Zestrashni and plunged the whole town anew into grief. The Russian word in the text of the official dispatch describing the accident to the Pobieda means either "mine" or "torpedo," but the qualifying verb indicates something moving toward the ship. This dispatch puts an end to the idea prevailing here that there had been an engagement following the disaster to the Zestrashni. It is considered remarkable here that the Japanese did not take advantage of

these terrible accidents to attack Port Arthur. After the official bulletins had been issued there was talk of the possibility of the destruction of the Zestrashni having been caused by a submarine boat, but this received little consideration in official circles.

MINE LAID BY JAPANESE.

Another Version of the Loss of the Zestrashni.
Chefoo, April 15.—It has been learned from Japanese sources here that the attack on the Russian Port Arthur fleet of Wednesday morning was planned and put into effect in the following manner:
At daylight the Japanese torpedo boats made a demonstration before the port and at the same time laid mines across the outer entrance to the harbor. They then retired and joined the main squadron. The squadron then advanced and as it drew near the Russian ships were seen coming out. The battleship Zestrashni struck one of the mines laid by the Japanese torpedo boats and was destroyed.

ADMIRAL MOLAS KILLED.

Russian Disaster Costly in Lives of Leading Commanders.
St. Petersburg, April 14.—Admiral Molas was among those killed on the Zestrashni. At the moment of the explosion an aide shouted to Grand Duke Cyril to jump into the sea. The aide was killed.

FORTY-FIVE OFFICERS AND MEN.

Number of Lives Lost on Russian Destroyer.
St. Petersburg, April 15.—Forty-five officers and men perished on board the torpedo boat destroyer Zestrashni, whose destruction by the Japanese was announced during the day.

ADMIRAL MAKAROFF.

Regret at Tokio on Account of the Russian's Death.
Tokio, April 15.—The first intimation of the result of Vice Admiral Togo's seventh attack upon Port Arthur reached Tokio at 8 a. m. in a telegram sent to the Associated Press, who promptly communicated it to official circles. The news was received with intense satisfaction, particularly the reported destruction of the battleship Zestrashni. There was a note of regret, however, in the comment on the reported death of Admiral Makaroff, for the Russian admiral commanded the respect of his opponents and the Japanese admired the manner in which he rehabilitated the fleet after the first attacks upon Port Arthur and the splendid fight he was making against odds.

ABOUT SIXTY SAVED.

Further Details of Russian Battleship Disaster.
St. Petersburg, April 15.—A telegram from Rear Admiral Prince Ouktomsky to the emperor, after reiterating that the Zestrashni sank "in consequence of the explosion of a mine while she was maneuvering in the Port Arthur roadstead in sight of the enemy's fleet," adds that those saved included, besides Grand Duke Cyril and Captain Jackoff, three lieutenants, two midshipmen and fifty-two sailors. The bodies of a captain, two midshipmen, a surgeon and a few sailors have been recovered.

TRYING TO FREEZE HIM OUT.

Stockholder Asks Receiver for Wild West Show.
Trenton, N. J., April 15.—Frank C. Maeder of St. Louis, a stockholder of the Buffalo Bill's Wild West show, has filed a bill in the court of chancery asking for the appointment of a receiver for the concern.

Military Prisoners Escape.

Des Moines, April 15.—Twelve prisoners confined in the military guard house here escaped during the day by sawing their way out with a case knife. The crimes committed for which the men were detained here are more or less serious and a determined effort will be made to apprehend them. The local police department has been asked to aid in the search. Blood hounds will also be used.

TERRIBLE LOSS OF LIFE

TWENTY-NINE MEN KILLED BY EXPLOSION ON BATTLESHIP MISSOURI.

Pensacola, Fla., April 15.—By the explosion of 2,000 pounds of powder in the after twelve-inch turret and the handling room of the battleship Missouri, Captain William S. Cowles commanding, twenty-nine men were instantly killed and five injured, of whom two will die.

The Missouri was on the target range with the Texas and Brooklyn in practice when a charge of powder in the twelve-inch left hand gun ignited from gases, exploded and dropping below, ignited four charges of powder in the handling room, and all exploded. Only one man of the entire turret and handling crew survives.

Captain Cowles, by his prompt action in flooding the handling room, saved the ship from total destruction. Captain Cowles led the rescuing party. He caught up a dying blue-jacket and staggered to the deck with him. Officers and within three minutes after the explosion all the bodies were lying on deck.

RESULT OF A BLOW BACK.

Explanation of the Accident on Board the Missouri.
Pensacola, Fla., April 15.—Two more ordinary seamen who were injured in the terrible explosion on board the battleship Missouri at target practice are dead. There is also one man of the turret crew missing.

Expert turret officers of the vessels in port say that the explosion was the result of a blow back, known as the wind blowing the flames back from the muzzle of the gun and through the open breech, thus igniting the powder charge being hoisted. Captain Cowles and Lieutenant Hammer, the ordnance officer, had taken extra precautions against such an accident, realizing that such could occur, and for three days no firing with the large pieces was done on account of the wind being from off shore. Finally it shifted and it was deemed safe to commence the firing. Lieutenant Hammer had remained in the turret watching the firing until the first string of shots had been fired in rapid succession. He thought from his observations that it was safe to allow the continuation of rapid firing and left the turret to attend with the target expert on board on this matter. Only three shots of the second string had been fired when the explosion occurred. So rapid was the gun being fired that it is thought some of the fire remained in the turret and that when powder was hoisted it ignited. Officers of the vessel differ in their opinion as to the cause of the explosion, but it is probable that the exact cause will never be known, as there were no survivors among the turret crew. The board of inquiry which was convened is still in session and will not come to a finding for several days.

Operated in Many Cities.

New York, April 15.—A man known at various times as John D. Lothrop, Thomas G. Cook, Walter C. Lewis and Arthur H. Lee has been arrested in Hackensack, N. J., on charges of having obtained \$1,600 under false pretenses from a Newark trust company. For several months every effort has been made by the American Bankers' association to capture him as he is alleged to have operated in many cities.

Indian Prince Fatally Injured.

Lafayette, Ind., April 15.—Amar Nath, an Indian prince from Lahore, India, was knocked from a bicycle and probably fatally injured. Notice has been given to the prince's family and to the British embassy at Washington. Nath was a junior student at Purdue.

Cuts Off Clay's Widow.

Richmond, Ky., April 15.—Judge Brown, in the circuit court here, has ordered on peremptory instructions of mental incapacity all the various wills left by the late General Cassius M. Clay. This leaves the general's property to his natural heirs and cuts off Doris Clay Brock, who at one time received considerable notoriety as the youthful wife of the aged statesman.

BITTER FEELING EXISTS.

Race Riot at Kansas City, Kan., is Imminent.

Kansas City, April 15.—The race feeling in Kansas City, Kan., caused by the killing of Roy Martin, a high school freshman by a negro named Gregory, is growing in intensity. During the day six negroes, who accompanied Gregory to the jail on the night of the murder armed with rifles, were arrested on the charge of inciting a riot. Following the closing of the school until Monday next, in an effort to quiet the excitement that it was expected would follow Martin's funeral, the white pupils asserted with positiveness that the negroes would never again be permitted to enter the high school. Martin's friends will, it is said, make a determined effort on Monday to keep all negroes from entering the building and it is feared a clash may result.

Gregory was arraigned during the day and held without bail for trial at a date to be set later.

Wage Dispute Settled.

Pittsburg, April 15.—A settlement was reported during the afternoon in the sheet and tin plate wage dispute between the manufacturers and the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers and a serious strike that would have involved thousands of men averted. The settlement is a reduction of 18 per cent in wages.

New York Bank Suspends.

New York, April 15.—The Federal bank, a state institution in this city, which was closed by an order of the state banking department are in charge. D. Rothschild is the president and its capital is \$250,000. According to a recent statement the institution owed depositors \$486,000.

Reject Terms of Settlement.

New York, April 15.—A compromise by which the lockout of all the workers shown in the lithographers' trade was believed to have been settled last week was upset in a ratification meeting of the unions which ended early in the day. The unions rejected the settlement by a vote of 595 to 65.

Dynamite Outrage in Russia.

London, April 15.—A special dispatch from St. Petersburg says a son of General Kasarkoff was killed as the result of a dynamite outrage in his room at the Hotel du Nord. The police, it is asserted, discovered documents indicating the author of the outrage.

BRIEF BITS OF NEWS.

The president has sent to the senate the nomination of William H. Hunt as United States district judge for Montana. Work has been resumed in the Harwick (Pa.) mine, where 178 miners lost their lives in an explosion on Jan. 25 last.

Harry Y. Hill, a veteran theatrical manager, is dead at Saratoga, N. Y., as a result of a stroke of paralysis. He was sixty-eight years old.

The First Iowa district Republican congressional convention has renominated Congressman Thomas Hedge of Burlington as candidate for congress.

Seventeen new cases of bubonic plague are reported in Antofagasta on Wednesday and seven deaths, says a New York Herald dispatch from Lima, Peru.

Hadjji Mohammed Bul Abdullah, the Mad Mullah, against whom the British have been conducting a campaign in Somaliland, has escaped into Italian territory.

Rev. Samuel Taggart, for many years state secretary of the Y. M. C. A. of Pennsylvania and widely known throughout the country, died at Pittsburg in his sixtieth year.

President Roosevelt has sent to congress a message recommending an appropriation of \$25,000 to compensate William Radcliffe, a British subject, for loss of property by a mob in Colorado in 1901.

The will of the late Rev. Charles Stroud, just filed for probate, bequeaths the entire estate, valued at \$200,000, to Wittenberg college, the great Lutheran institution of the West, located at Springfield, O.

LIVED WITH THREE WIVES.

Minneapolis Man Found Out by One of His Spouses.
Minneapolis, April 15.—In the divorce case of Selma M. Atwood against Charles C. Atwood the sensational charge was made that Atwood had lived in Minneapolis with three different wives in three different places at the same time.

Mrs. Atwood claims that her husband's real name was C. H. Irving and that he lived under that name at Thirteenth avenue and Franklin with a wife and daughter. As Charles C. Atwood he lived on Washington street northeast with the complaining witness and he is said to have lived with a third woman he claimed was his daughter. He proclaimed to each wife that he was a piano tuner and had to be away from home every other night.

Mrs. Atwood claims that she learned of his duplicity when she went to pay a bill at a furrier's company. The wrong bill was brought out and she discovered her husband had furnished three different houses from this establishment.

EXONERATES DIETRICH

SENATE COMMITTEE REPORTS ON INVESTIGATION OF NEBRASKA'S INDICTMENT.

NO VIOLATION OF THE STATUTES

INQUIRY GREW OUT OF CHARGES REGARDING APPOINTMENT OF A POSTMASTER.

Washington, April 15.—Senator Dietrich has been exonerated from all blame in connection with postoffice patronage in Nebraska by a special committee of the senate, which made an investigation of his indictment. The report was submitted to the senate during the day. The last paragraph says:

"Upon full consideration of all the evidence the committee is of the opinion that Senator Dietrich has not been guilty of any violation of the statutes of the United States or of any corrupt or unworthy conduct relating either to the appointment of Jacob Fisher as postmaster at Hastings, Neb., nor the leasing of the building in question for the purposes of a postoffice."

PHILIPPINE BILL PASSED.

House Disposes of the Measure by a Narrow Margin.
Washington, April 15.—When the house convened the Philippine bill at once was taken up and further discussed. Mr. Watson (O.) spoke in favor of the bill. The action of the committee on rules in denying the right to amend the bill was severely criticized by Mr. Williams (Ill.). Mr. Grosvenor (O.) said this was a fair and forward business proposition and entered upon a defense of the Philippine commission.

The debate was closed by Mr. Cooper (Wis.), who refuted the statements that English and Belgian capitalists would construct trunk lines such as the American companies proposed.

When the speaker put the bill on its passage he convulsed the house by stating that "the news seem to make the most modest of them looking over to the Republican side of the chamber he declared 'the ayes have it.'"

The Democrats demanded the yeas and nays and the roll was called. The yeas were 239, nays 127. William A. Smith (Rep., Mich.) voted with the Democrats.

INQUIRY IS NOT LIKELY.

Senate May Not Investigate Postoffice Department.
Washington, April 15.—President Roosevelt had an important conference during the day with Senators Aldrich, Spooner and Penrose, the last named being chairman of the committee on postoffices and postroads. The conference related to the proposed investigation by a senate committee of the affairs of the postoffice department. All parties to it were reticent as to the details of the interview, but enough is known about it to indicate that an inquiry into postal affairs is not so likely to be authorized as it was a day or two ago. The subject is being considered very carefully by the senate leaders and a definite decision, one way or the other, may be reached very soon.

ANTI-HIGH RENT UNION.

Proposed Organization in New York to Fight Landlords.
New York, April 15.—A hand will be taken in the anti-high rent agitation here by the Central Federated union. The high rent union has adopted a resolution, which will be submitted to the affiliated unions, calling upon all wageworkers of the city to organize at once an anti-high rent union for the purpose of making a general demand throughout the city that the rent be lowered at least 25 per cent and to refuse to pay and rents to landlords until the demand is met.

Another solution was passed urging the hiring of lawyers to oppose extortion cases in the courts.

FRANCE SENDS SYMPATHY.

Condolences With Russia Over Loss of the Zestrashni.
Paris, April 15.—President Loubet has telegraphed to Emperor Nicholas his profound condolences on the disaster to the Zestrashni and the death of Vice Admiral Makaroff. This dispatch, together with those of Emperor William and the king of Italy, is regarded here as significant of the acceptance of the European governments that the sinking of the Zestrashni was due to an accident and did not occur during a battle with the Japanese ships. The officials say condolences over the result of a battle might involve questions of neutrality, whereas condolences over an accident do not involve neutrality.

CRITICISE CHINESE NEUTRALITY.

Japanese Complain That Russians Are Being Favored.
New York, April 15.—Japanese journals express much discontent, says a Times dispatch from Tokio, at China's failure to enforce or attempt to enforce neutrality on the Liaotung river, where the whole district has been allowed to become a source for supplying Russia with foodstuffs, transport animals and vehicles. The papers declare that Japan sees no favor and asks only fair play and that China's conduct is craven and ungrateful, considering that Japan is defending her integrity.

Refuses to Commute Sentence.

Richmond, Va., April 15.—Governor Montague has refused to interfere in the case of Theon H. Brown, the defaulting cashier of the Life Insurance Company of Virginia, and he must go to the penitentiary. Great pressure was brought to bear on the governor to induce him to commute the sentence to jail imprisonment.

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