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ENGLAND WARNS BEAR

British Government Protests Against Sinking of Steamer Knight Commander.

Full Reparation is Demanded of Russian Government for Sinking British Ship.

London, July 27.—The British government has sent instructions to its ambassador at St. Petersburg to energetically protest against the sinking of the steamer Knight Commander by the Vladivostok squadron. The contents of the note are not given out, but it is known that a full reparation is demanded. A demand for an apology by the Russian government and salute of the British flag is contained in the note.

ANOTHER STEAMER TAKEN

BRITISH SHIP FORMOSA REACHES SUEZ WITH RUSSIAN PRIZE CREW ON BOARD.

Suez, July 27.—The Peninsular and Oriental Steamship company's steamer Formosa has just arrived here flying the Russian naval flag and with a prize crew on board. She was captured in the Red sea by one of the vessels of the Russian volunteer fleet.

London, July 27.—The foreign office had not yet reached the commanders of the volunteer fleet steamers, as the Russian government has given the most explicit pledge that there shall be no more Red sea seizures. The Formosa left London July 9 and Suez July 23, bound for Yokohama.

Liverpool, July 27.—The owners of the British steamer Calchas, bound from Puget sound to Japan, have received a telegram from Hongkong reporting that the Calchas has been seized by the Vladivostok squadron.

DISCUSSED BY CABINET.

Sinking of British Vessel by Vladivostok Fleet.

London, July 27.—The sinking of the British steamer Knight Commander by Russian cruisers of Japan was fully discussed at a meeting of the cabinet during the day. Before the meeting Count Benckendorff, the Russian ambassador, was closeted with the foreign secretary Lansdowne and discussed in detail the operations of the Russian cruisers in connection with neutral shipping, but as the Russian embassy had not been officially informed by the Russian government of the destruction of the Knight Commander the ambassador was unable to make any statement to the foreign secretary.

The Knight Commander incident is attracting close official and public interest. Premier Balfour, replying to a question in the house of commons in regard to the sinking of the British steamer Knight Commander, said inquiries were being made on the subject, but he was not yet in a position to make a statement.

RUSSIA DEFENDS ACTION.

Has Right to Sink Neutral Vessel Carrying Contraband.

St. Petersburg, July 27.—While entirely without advice regarding the circumstances surrounding the sinking of the British steamer Knight Commander Russia maintains the right of her warships to sink a neutral vessel carrying contraband when her papers show that she is clearly confiscable and when circumstances render it impossible or dangerous to attempt to get her to a home port, and in such cases liability for damages to the value of the ship is not admitted.

Jap Transports Near Newchwang.

Mukden, July 27.—Twenty troop laden transports, escorted by a Japanese squadron, are cruising off the entrance of the Liao river.

Fight Occurs Above Liaoyang.

Tientsin, July 27.—It is reported here that heavy fighting has occurred between Liaoyang and Mukden.

TRAINMEN HAVE QUIET.

Leiter and His Mining Camp Boycotted by Skilled Labor.

Carbondale, Ill., July 27.—Following the strike of miners at Zeigler all the tradesmen on Joseph Leiter's railroad have walked out and nearly all the skilled laborers employed within the stockade have left. As a result the ice plant and other industries are closed. The trainmen quit, refusing to handle provisions for the nonunion camp. The report that nonunion negroes are en route here has stirred the miners to greater vigilance.

LONG FIGHT EXPECTED

Packers and Their Striking Employees Preparing for Bitter Conflict.

Days of Peace in Chicago's Big Labor Contest Seem to Have Passed.

Chicago, July 27.—In the great industrial war now well under way the packers and the strikers rallied during the day and prepared for bitter conflict. The one side went about its preparations quietly, yet effectively; the other enthusiastically and, as they hoped, also effectively. Meantime the day took on the real aspect of a mighty strike. Riotous scenes developed and continued intermittently throughout the day.

Riot calls were sent in from a number of points. Many arrests were made and altogether the days of peace seemed doomed for some time. On the one hand the packers declared emphatically that their plants were running and would continue to run; strike breakers were rushed into the yards by the hundreds and nonunion help was employed wherever it offered itself.

Emergency preparations were made with a view to compactness; as, for instance, the centralization of the steam power plants of the Armour and Swift companies.

While the waitresses in the restaurants of the big plants joined their brother strikers in the sympathetic walkout there were individual defections reported from the strikers' ranks. A few of the strikers were reported to have thrown away their union buttons, frankly admitted the fact, marched up to the recruiting offices and to have been hired on the spot.

Strikers Are Enthusiastic.

On the other hand it was a whooping day for the strikers. Here is the Wexler Club house, where Donnelly, Scharf, Golden and all the rest of the labor leaders have pitched their camp, and here is the place where all the orders, instructions to individuals, advice to the doubtful and encouragement to the halting will be distributed with a free hand.

Evidence of fighting enthusiasm was shown during the day when thousands of strikers and sympathizers began to stream up Halsted and Forty-seventh streets and concentrate at the Wexler corner, where the strikers' initial mass meeting was held and, as the leaders had predicted, it was a rousing one. When the meeting came to order there was a great wave of shouting and cheering on the part of the packers, managers and trusted assistants in offices not far away. All the strike leaders spoke briefly to the crowd and their talking was interrupted repeatedly by applause.

Along with the strikers the packers during the day began sending meat laden wagons out of the yards, driven by union teamsters, working under police guard.

The police encountered no difficulties during the day and at every gate were large numbers of pickets representing every trade interested in the general strike. It was the first day of picketing by the allied trades and the developments indicated that the general strike leaders had not been quickly made.

Claim All Plants Are in Operation.

Despite the fact that 25,000 or more regular employees are on strike at the stock yards here, including the number who went out Monday after the call for a sympathetic strike had been issued, all the big packing plants were declared to be in nearly full operation during the day. Nearly every man who went out Monday, it was claimed, had been replaced by one who belongs to no union, and among the recruits were said to be a number of young men from Armour institute, who have taken the places of some of the firemen in the various plants. While the firemen went out the engineers, it was asserted, with possibly a dozen exceptions, remained in their places. This was due to the fact, it was said, that the general strike did not extend to the engineers, few of whom, according to the employers, were union men. The total number of stationary engineers employed in the packing plants and yards is 110.

According to the packers 600 non-union men from other cities were brought into the yards during the day within a couple of hours and distributed among the various plants. Of these forty were skilled butchers from New York. There was killing of cattle, hogs and sheep in all the plants.

Men with Panama hats, expensive clothing of the latest cut and fine linen stepped in among the hogs during the day and took charge of the unloading of the day's arrivals at the yards. The volunteer crew of stock unloaders was made up of the office and clerical forces of the various commission houses at the yards. While the amateurs toiled among the grunting swine strikers in heavy boots and rough garb sat about at a distance, laughing at the spectacle.

Walks 6,000 Miles to Fair.

St. Louis, July 27.—Footsore, travel stained and weary Ronaldo Walco, a British subject from San Jose, Costa Rica, has reached the world's fair after a walk of 6,000 miles, only to find that he had been deluded by a mythical prize of \$15,000 which he had heard had been offered by the exposition company to the person who walked the longest distance to attend the world's fair.

RETIRE TO HAICHENG

Russian Force Recently Engaged Near Tatchekiang Retreats North.

Mikado's Troops Apparently Moving Forward Along Entire Front.

St. Petersburg, July 27.—Dispatches just received by the war office announce that the Russians have retreated to Haicheng.

They decided to withdraw from Tatchekiang Sunday evening. General Zarubaleff, commanding the Fourth army corps, who is General Stakeberg's senior, resolved to take this step in consequence of the reports of scouts that the Japanese were turning the left flank.

The Japanese forces are believed to include the whole of the armies of Generals Ono and Nodzu. More than seven divisions of Japanese are engaged. The rearward action between Datchapu and Tatchekiang continued until 11 at night, when the Japanese were within sight of the Russian entrenchments. The Russians withdrew in perfect order, favored by the beautiful moonlight. Further details of the fight have not yet been forwarded to the war office.

General Kuropatkin reports that the Japanese column in the vicinity of Saimatssa, which is believed to be two divisions strong, is marching along the valley of the Taitse with the obvious aim of cutting the railroad above Liaoyang.

The evacuation of Tatchekiang was prepared for long ago by the Russians, as military experts have repeatedly indicated. The retreatment is not regarded as materially altering the situation. The Russians had strongly fortified Haicheng in view of the contingency.

GENERAL ADVANCE BEGUN

NORTHERN MOVEMENT OF JAPANESE TROOPS SEEMS TO BE ON IN EARNEST.

St. Petersburg, July 27.—The Japanese advance against General Kuropatkin's armies seems at last to have begun in earnest. They are moving up strongly from the south and have captured Kan pass, on the road to Haicheng. A northern movement is also reported, but the objective of the Japanese at present seems to be Haicheng. Official news received here shows that fighting at Tatchekiang and the southward has been progressing for several days. However, according to the latest reports received, the Russians had not evacuated Tatchekiang, but were falling back on that place, fighting a continuous rearward action. The Japanese had advanced in strong force Sunday morning against the Russian position at Datchapu, twelve miles north of Kaichou.

In view of the great superiority of the Japanese General Stakeberg, as foreshadowed in these dispatches, did not attempt to offer serious resistance. The Russian losses are not ascertainable, but it is admitted they amount to several hundred men.

General Kuropatkin reports a continuation of the advance of a Japanese column along the Saimatssa road, already announced in the Associated Press Sinitstin dispatches.

JAPS OCCUPY NEWCHWANG

SMALL FORCE OF CAVALRYMEN REACH RUSSIAN TOWN RECENTLY EVACUATED.

Tientsin, July 27.—Lloyds agent at Newchwang wires that fifty Japanese cavalrymen have entered Newchwang. The French flag is flying from all the Russian buildings. The town is quiet.

Newchwang, July 27.—Japanese scouts have already passed through here and the troops are expected momentarily. The Russian inhabitants of Newchwang have left. Japanese flags are flying all over the city.

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Passage of Vessels for War Purposes Through Dardanelles.

London, July 27.—While the negotiations between Great Britain and Russia respecting the Red sea seizures have been carried on in the most conciliatory manner the Associated Press learns that in the representations to the St. Petersburg government Foreign Secretary Lansdowne declared that Great Britain could not, in view of her treaty alliance with Japan, allow any interpretation to be placed on treaties relating to the Dardanelles which would permit of the free passage of vessels of the Russian volunteer fleet from the Black sea to the Mediterranean with the view of their subsequent employment for war purposes. It has not been generally known that Lord Lansdowne went so far as to call Russia's attention to the Japanese treaty, though suggestions have been published in British and Japanese papers that the action of the Smolensk and St. Petersburg in traversing the Dardanelles had placed Turkey in the position of giving assistance to Russia and that this made it Great Britain's duty to come to the relief of her ally, as required by the Anglo-Japanese treaty.

Engineers and Firemen Out. Sioux City, Ia., July 27.—The engineers and firemen joined the strikers at the Cadbury plant during the day. The strikers claim the shutdown is complete, but Manager Watson says the plant is in operation.

NO CAUSE IS KNOWN. Minnesota Farmer Kills Ten-Year-Old Son and Himself.

Wadena, Minn., July 27.—Adam Kive, a farmer of New York Mills, near here, killed his ten-year-old son and then shot himself. The murderer died instantly, but the boy lived nearly an hour. No cause for the double tragedy is known. The crime was committed while Mrs. Kive and an elder son were in town and a daughter, thirteen years old, was at a neighbor's house. When she returned home she found the doors locked. Peering into a window she saw the body of her father lying in a pool of blood. She notified the neighbors, who broke into the house. Kive was dead and the boy was unconscious and he lived a short time.

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