

# WARSHIPS DISARMED

## Askold and Grozovoi Will Stay at Shanghai Till War Ends

### INCIDENT REGARDED CLOSED

Reitzenstein Wanted to Fight, but Admiralty Wouldn't Hear of It—Czar Praises Sailors Whom His Order Saves From Certain Death.

Shanghai, Aug. 26.—An order has been received from the Russian minister at Peking that the cruiser Askold and the torpedo boat destroyer Grozovoi should be disarmed. The dispatch ended a day of considerable anxiety in official circles. First an order went forth that the vessels could remain four days longer. Then negotiations were begun for another four days. This request was eagerly and persistently pressed by the Russian minister at Peking, but it was absolutely refused by the Chinese government. Thereupon an order came to Shanghai to rush work on the vessels and go out to what seemed certain death next Sunday.

The abject distress of the Askold's crew when this news was received was pitiable. From the first the officers



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and crew have urged disarmament, but the minister at Peking would not consider the suggestion. The dock managers notified the Russian officials that the Askold's hull could not be repaired by Sunday. More telegraphing to Peking followed, and then the welcome order to dismantle was received by Captain Reitzenstein, who immediately handed down the flags on both vessels.

Captain Reitzenstein had asked the admiralty to be allowed to take out his ships even in the face of the superior Japanese force, but when the admiralty ascertained the condition of the Askold and the time required for repairs her disarmament was ordered.

Under the supervision of the customs authorities, representing China, the Askold and Grozovoi will go out of commission before Sunday, and as soon as they are patched up they will take their places alongside the gunboat Mandjur, which was dismantled last March. Emperor Nicholas sent a message to the crews of the Askold and Grozovoi congratulating them for saving the vessels and conveying words of hope.

There is general satisfaction here over the outcome of the matter. It is understood that the Japanese fleet will remain outside until the Russian vessels are completely disarmed.

### RUSSIA APOLOGIZES.

#### Promises That Smolensk Won't Stop Any More British Ships.

London, Aug. 26.—It is learned that Ambassador Benckendorff has advised the foreign office here that the cruiser which overhauled the British steamer Comedian off the southeast coast of Cape Colony Aug. 21 was probably the Smolensk, in which case her action could only be explained on the supposition that the orders telegraphed to her by the Russian admiralty after the Malacca affair failed to reach her commander. The Russian government therefore proposes to take renewed measures to see that the Smolensk receives orders to cease the examination of neutral shipping. It is explained that before leaving for the south the Sevastopol and Smolensk took on board a large supply of coal, thus enabling them to keep at sea without visiting a port where orders could be delivered.

While the British authorities desire to continue their conciliatory policy, they have informed the Russian government that the Smolensk's interference with British shipping must stop, and they object strongly to the examination of merchantmen so far from the scene of hostilities by any Russian cruiser. This objection, it is said, applies to the British steamer Asla, now at Port Said, which was detained and examined in the Mediterranean by the Russian auxiliary cruiser Ural, equally with the Comedian.

### TRANSPACIFIC FREIGHT.

#### Harriman Lines Resumes Shipments to Japanese Ports.

Chicago, Aug. 26.—Notice is given by the Harriman lines that beginning Aug. 30, the Pacific Mail Steamship company from San Francisco and the

Portland and Asiatic Steamship company from Portland, Ore., will resume receiving freight destined to Yokohama, Kobe and Nagasaki, Japan, and for points beyond those ports. Freight will also be accepted for Chionulpo, Genan and Pusan, Korea, but bills of lading must be indorsed bearing notation: "All warehouse and extra charges at Nagasaki to be paid by consignees."

Freight will not be handled for Newchwang, Port Arthur, Dalny, Korsakovsk, Alexanderovsk, Nikolzevsk, Chinnampo and Mokpo.

Shipments of firearms, cartridges, caps or unloaded cartridge shells destined to Yokohama, Kobe, Nagasaki, Japan or points via these ports will not be accepted.

#### Port Arthur's Fall at Hand.

Tokyo, Aug. 26.—All the Russian defenses at Port Arthur are under the fire of hundreds of Japanese guns, and the final assault on the fortress is under way. It is evident that the Russian lines have been weakened and partly penetrated in the vicinity of Antzashan and Etsehan forts. The entire line of Russian defenses immediately about the harbor is within range of the Japanese guns. A number of Russian forts and batteries continue to be vigorous. The direction of the Japanese attack creates the impression here that the city and defenses on either side of the harbor entrance will fall first. The final stand will be made at Liaotshian.

#### Rains Stop at Liaoyang.

Tokyo, Aug. 26.—A dispatch from General Kuroki's headquarters in the field, via Fusan, says fair weather has returned after five days' heavy and three days' light rains. It is hoped that this is the last stretch of the wet season. Streams are falling and the sandy soil is absorbing the water rapidly. The Russians are reported to be fortifying Liaoyang extensively. Lighter defenses are being made in front of Anping, a few miles ahead of Kuroki. There has been no fighting recently.

#### Besiegers Digging Trenches.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 26.—The emperor has received a dispatch from Viceroy Alexeiev, dated Aug. 24, saying that General Stoessel reports from Port Arthur, Aug. 19, that at 4:30 in the morning of that day the Japanese began an assault on Uglvov hill and opened a fierce bombardment on the fortifications on the north and east fronts with their batteries on Wolf hills. The Japanese, he adds, are digging trenches in front of Sushin and along the entire Lunke (Tiger) valley.

#### Japan's Strength in Manchuria.

Liaoyang, Aug. 26.—At the Russian headquarters here General Kuroki's army is estimated at 100,000 men. General Nodan's force at 70,000 and General Oku's at 40,000. This is exclusive of two divisions of about 30,000 men moving up on the right flank of the Liao river. According to the Chinese, the Japanese have converted the branch railroad from Newchwang to Tashiehao into a narrow gauge and are conveying thither twenty siege guns.

#### Story of Japanese Repulse.

Chifu, Aug. 26.—Russian advices received here say that the Japanese assaults on Port Arthur on Aug. 21 and Aug. 22 were repulsed with tremendous losses. It is added that the attempt of the Japanese to capture fort No. 1 cost them 10,000 men and that their attack on Fort Etsehan resulted in their losing 3,000 men killed or wounded. Port Dalny is said to be filled with wounded men.

#### Russians Stop Anchor Liner.

London, Aug. 26.—The Anchor line steamer Asia, which sailed Aug. 11 from Liverpool for Calcutta, has arrived at Port Said and reports having been detained two hours while her papers and cargo were examined by the Russian cruiser Ural. The search took place sixty miles east of Cape St. Vincent, Portugal.

#### Russian Destroyer Sunk by a Mine.

Tokyo, Aug. 26.—Two Russian torpedo boat destroyers struck mines at the entrance of Port Arthur. The larger one of the destroyers, a four funneled one, was sunk. The names of the vessels and the number of lives lost are unknown.

#### Three Russian Cruisers at Cape Juby.

Las Palmas, Canary Islands, Aug. 26.—Fishermen report that three Russian cruisers are coaling from the German steamer Valeria at Cape Juby, off the south coast of Morocco.

#### Bank's Assets Mostly Forgeries.

Washington, Aug. 26.—The first report of the receiver of the First National bank of Grinnell, Ia., has been filed with the comptroller of the currency. The comptroller authorizes the statement that owing to the large amount of forged paper among the assets an assessment against the shareholders for their full 100 per cent liability is necessary and has been levied.

#### Alleged Highwaymen Arrested.

Paterson, N. J., Aug. 26.—Four Italians have been arrested at Little Falls, N. J., on suspicion that they were participants in the hold up of Dana White, the paymaster of the O'Rourke Construction company, at Cedar Grove. They are being held for identification by their victims. So far their names are unknown.

#### San Diego Wins Lipton Trophy.

San Diego, Cal., Aug. 26.—The second race of thirty foot yachts for the trophy pennant presented by Sir Thomas Lipton has resulted in another victory for the Detroit of the San Diego Yacht club. The Detroit having taken two races the third will be unnecessary and will not be sailed.

## Hair Falling?

Don't tell your friends of it. They would think it so strange. You see, they know Ayer's Hair Vigor checks falling of the hair, restores color to gray hair, and makes the hair grow.

J. C. Ayer & Co., Lowell, Mass.

## ROOT AT OYSTER BAY

### He and Cortelyou Look Over President's Letter of Acceptance.

#### RACE FOR ODELL'S JOB OPEN

Mr. Roosevelt Will Not Interfere With Situation in New York State—Root Doesn't Know Who Will Be Nominated and Won't Attend the Convention.

Oyster Bay, N. Y., Aug. 26.—After an extended conference with the president, National Chairman George B. Cortelyou and former Secretary of War Elihu Root left for New York.

At the station before their departure they declined to discuss the details of their conference. A part of their mission to Sagamore Hill, it was said, was to look over the president's letter of acceptance. Mr. Root had not seen the letter before, and as he expects shortly to leave on an extended trip the president invited him to come to Oyster Bay at this time in order that he might have the benefit of his counsel and suggestion.

The president, it was stated, is determined not to interfere in the New York situation and hopes the delegates to the Saratoga convention may be left to make the nomination for governor for themselves.

#### Root Won't Attend Convention.

Secretary Root said: "I can say nothing more than I have said already. I have nothing to add to that. The convention will nominate a good man and a man, I doubt not, who will be satisfactory to the people. I shall not attend the convention. One convention a year is enough for me. I will not be in the state when the convention is held. I am going up to Newfoundland for a few weeks in company with William Cary Senger, formerly assistant secretary of war. We expect to leave in a few days and probably will not return before the 1st of October."

After the departure of his visitors President Roosevelt devoted a few hours to exercise about the Sagamore Hill grounds. At the executive offices the mail was comparatively light, and Secretary Loeb did not go out to the president's home until late in the afternoon.

### PHILIPPINE INDEPENDENCE.

#### Judge Parker Says He is in Favor of It in Letter to Millburn.

Esopus, N. Y., Aug. 26.—Judge Alton H. Parker, in response to a request from John G. Millburn of Buffalo, has clearly defined his position on the Philippine question—that he is fully in accord with the Democratic platform, which demands that the Philippines be set free and independent and allowed to work out their own destiny. In his speech of acceptance Judge Parker said:

"The accident of war brought the Philippines into our possession, and we are not at liberty to disregard the responsibility which thus came to us, but that responsibility will be best subserved by preparing the islanders as rapidly as possible for self government and giving to them the assurances that it will come as soon as they are reasonably prepared for it."

This was criticized by many Democrats as being too vague. It did not show whether the candidate wanted the Philippines to be absolutely free and independent or whether he meant that they should be self governing under the control of the United States, which is President Roosevelt's belief. Mr. Millburn wrote to him on the 20th asking:



Abdul Hamid: "By the prophet, it WAS loaded!" —Philadelphia North American.

## IN PERIL UNDER SEA

### Submarine Boat Porpoise's Crew Battle For Life.

#### SAVED BY OFFICER'S NERVE.

Nelson a Worthy Candidate For a Carnegie Hero Medal—Vessel Sank in Twenty Fathoms and Refused to Rise. Hard Work at Hand Pumps.

Newport, R. I., Aug. 26.—The constant risk undergone by the officers and men serving in the submarine torpedo boats was illustrated off Brenton's reef when the Porpoise went down to the bottom of the sea in twenty fathoms of water, which is far below safety point, and came to the surface again only after the most frantic efforts on the part of the men who were shut up in her. The mishap is regarded here as being very valuable in the experience it has given and as throwing some possible light on the mysterious loss of an English submarine boat in the British channel last spring.

The Porpoise, under the command of Lieutenant Charles P. Nelson, who had with him Lieutenant L. S. Shapley and a crew of eight men, had been going through the series of test maneuvers which have been in progress at this station all summer. She went to Brenton's reef light and there submerged preparatory for trimming, going down to a depth of twenty feet. When Lieutenant Nelson tried to stop her, he saw at once that something was wrong, for the boat continued to settle. Either there was a defect in the sea casks or one of the diving rudders was out of gear.

#### Something Wrong With Valves.

The boat was sinking rapidly and was getting into depths where the pressure was dangerous. The order was given to blow out the tanks and thus give additional buoyancy to the boat, but something was wrong with the valves—they leaked under the great pressure—and the apparatus refused to work.

By this time the boat was on the bottom, twenty fathoms below the surface. The pressure of water was so great that it began to trickle in through the seams, and it looked as if it would be only a matter of time before the crew would be drowned without having had a chance to fight for their lives.

Neither officers nor men lost their heads. They knew that they were in a serious if not desperate position, but there still remained the hand pumps, which had been provided for an emergency of this kind. The prospect was a little hopeless, for the pumps had not been designed to work at such a depth. The first efforts were of no avail. The men toiled at the pumps, but no effect was made on the tanks. For thirty minutes they worked in relays, putting every pound of power they possessed into the work. And yet the boat remained motionless on the bottom and the leaks were slowly but surely increasing.

#### Crew Apparently Doomed.

It looked as if the boat and her crew were doomed, as there was no possible escape for the men. When the British submarine was raised last spring it was found that the crew had been able to get out and swim to the surface, but the rush of water had been so great that they had been hurried back into the boat and drowned immediately.

At the end of half an hour, without any apparent reason, the boat began slowly, almost imperceptibly, to rise. The men worked at the pumps with renewed vigor. As the boat got out of the extreme depth and the pressure lessened she went up more rapidly, and in fifteen seconds she was floating on the surface, safe and sound, except that there were fifteen inches of water in her.

The official explanation is that the Porpoise had not been docked for cleaning for nearly a year and the sea cocks were choked up. The matter has been reported to the navy department, and it is likely that an investigation will follow. Captain Frank F. Fletcher, who has command of the torpedo station, says that the officers and men deserve honorable mention for the way they retained their nerve and presence of mind under most trying conditions.

#### Attempted Deportation Foiled.

Cripple Creek, Colo., Aug. 26.—Two men were arrested by Sheriff Bell while attempting to deport Hermann Herz, a clothing merchant of Goldfield, from the district. They forced Herz at the point of a revolver to accompany them, saying he was wanted at Independence. After the men had left with their prisoner Herz's son telephoned Sheriff Bell of the occurrence, and the latter, with two deputies, overtook the would be deporters and their victim and arrested two of the former. Herz was then given over to one of the deputies, who guarded him to prevent any further efforts to send him away.

#### Youngstown Steel Plant Picketed.

Youngstown, O., Aug. 26.—Amalgamated pickets have been thrown around the upper mill of the American Steel Hoop company, and every point leading to the plant is being closely patrolled by the strikers. The contingent of strike breakers received by the company from Pittsburgh are being housed in the mills, bunks having been erected for sleeping and a full supply of provisions sent with the men has been placed in stock.

## IRELAND'S FUTURE BRIGHT.

### John Redmond Sees Prosperity Dawning Over Emerald Isle.

New York, Aug. 26.—Brighter days for Ireland are dawning, according to a statement made by John E. Redmond, the Irish leader in the British parliament, who is here with Patrick O'Brien, member of parliament for Kilkenny City, and Captain A. C. Donelan, member of parliament for East Cork, to attend the second convention of the United Irish League of America in the Lexington Opera House on Aug. 30 and 31.

The delegation is staying at the Hoffman House, and on Sunday evening it will be formally welcomed at the Carnegie Lyceum.

"This American league of Irishmen," said Mr. Redmond, "has given us much moral and material assistance in the



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past few years. Just at the present time we are watching with great interest developments in England. We are on the eve of a crisis.

"It may be that as a result of this crisis conditions will change so as to affect our party materially. The present government is doomed. Mr. Chamberlain, who broke up the Liberal party, has succeeded now in breaking up the Unionist party, and so there is no doubt that the approaching general election will result in the defeat of the government.

"The election will be of the utmost importance to Ireland. She will have the deciding hand. The Irish vote can turn the scale.

"We are not committed to either party. We are fighting for self government, and we vote in the way best calculated to bring this about."

### WILL GIVE UP CHILDREN.

#### Lawrence C. Phipps Agrees to Obey His Uncle's Orders.

Pittsburg, Aug. 26.—Henry Phipps, the London and Pittsburg millionaire, has taken a hand in the divorce proceedings instituted here by Lawrence C. Phipps against his wife, Henry Phipps has ordered his nephew to return the children to Mrs. Phipps at once, and this Lawrence C. Phipps has agreed to do, and will return the children on Sept. 1. Senator Knox is in London with Henry Phipps. He is counsel for Mrs. Phipps. The cable dispatches sent from London to Lawrence C. Phipps are as follows:

"If you take a technical advantage of your wife to obtain a divorce, after violating your agreement with me, we are quits."

"You agreed to allow your wife possession of the children until matters of separation were settled. You must keep this pledge, as I guaranteed it. Return the children at once to their mother."

"Do not attempt to allow the case to go to court until I return. This final since talk with Knox."

It is announced that Mrs. Phipps will institute suit for divorce here as soon as the case of her husband is quashed in Denver. She expects to have the suit there blocked.

### AMBUSHED BY BANDITS.

#### Captain Barrett Killed in Battle in Island of Leyte.

Manila, Aug. 26.—A detail of native constabulary has been ambushed on the island of Leyte by a superior force of bandits. Captain H. Barrett of the constabulary was killed in the fighting.

There has been trouble in the province of Misamis, island of Mindanao, where bandits have looted several towns. The native authorities were defied and Pablo Mercado and his family were kidnaped. Mercado was accused of being too friendly with the Americans. Three Chinese stores were burned. Four natives were murdered. The rest of them being burned alive. Colonel Harbord of the constabulary is now on the trail of the bandits.

Lieutenant Thornton of the constabulary has met death by drowning near Dagupan, island of Luzon.

#### Timothy Woodruff at Oyster Bay.

Oyster Bay, N. Y., Aug. 26.—The only caller of importance at Sagamore Hill during the day was Timothy L. Woodruff, former lieutenant governor of New York. Having spent much of his time at his summer resort in the Adirondacks, Mr. Woodruff has not had opportunity to see the president since the former's return from Europe. His special mission here was to discuss with the president the appointment of a successor to the late J. H. A. Brigham as assistant secretary of agriculture, although quite naturally the New York and the general political situation were considered.

#### Hot Water Drinkers.

If you need to drink hot water, pour it from one jug to another a few times. This will aerate it and remove the flat, insipid taste.