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RUSSIA STILL HARASSING BRITISH SHIPS

TWO MORE BRITISH BOATS ARE HELD UP AND EXAMINED BY MEMBERS OF CZAR'S VOLUNTEER FLEET.

BRITISH GOVERNMENT ORDERS WARSHIPS TO DELIVER ORDERS TO RUSSIAN OFFENDERS

Will be Made Plain to Them That Further Interference With Neutral Shipping Will Not be Tolerated. Action Taken at Request of Russia.

London, August 25.—Prime Minister Balfour announced this evening that the British government had ordered two cruisers from the squadron at the Cape of Good Hope without delay to locate the Russian volunteer fleet and to convey to them the orders of the Russian government that they must not further interfere with neutral shipping. The premier stated that this action was taken at the request of the Russian government.

Extraordinary Statement. This extraordinary statement was made when the premier by appointment elected a deputation of the London Chamber of Commerce. The deputation was appointed at a meeting held earlier in the day at the China and East India section, which was attended by representatives, shipowners and others interested in the trade of the far east and at which the following resolution was passed:

"This meeting of the London Chamber of Commerce concerned in trade with the far east views with apprehension the continued uncertainty of the position of British trade and shipping with regard to what constitutes contraband of war as interpreted by the Russian government."

Disastrous Effects. The meeting prepared a letter addressed to Lord Lansdowne the foreign minister, in which it was stated that the continuance of the present situation was having a disastrous effect on shipping and was causing irreparable damage to the whole course of trade with Japan and the far east. The letter further said that the commercial community could welcome any measures that might be necessary to place British commerce on the same footing with that of other non-belligerent treatment of so called contraband of war.

Prior to receiving the deputation, Mr. Balfour during the day had been busily engaged in connection with the question which had been raised with regard to Russian treatment of British shipping. The premier held an important meeting of the foreign office to which representatives of the intelligence department of the war office, the admiralty, the foreign officers and the board of trade was summoned.

Wanted Evidence. The premier afterwards received deputation from the chamber of commerce. Mr. Balfour said before making a general statement he desired to have evidence tending to show the prejudicial treatment by Russia which was a most important phase of the situation and concerning which the government had no conclusive information and to learn of any concrete example of differential treatment by Russian officers and Russian prize courts, which he said, were being carefully considered.

Reviews Cases Mentioned. Members of the deputation quoted the case of the Portland and Asiatic line steamer Arabia and the British steamer Calchas. The former was allowed to proceed while the latter was still at Vladivostok and the members pointed out that both cases were equal so far as the nature of the cases were considered. The cases of the peninsular and the Oriental company's steamer Malacca and the Hamburg-American line steamer Scandia were also quoted. Each of these vessels had ammunition on board, but the Scandia was allowed to proceed. The deputation next referred to the sinking of the British steamer Knight Commander and the German steamer Theo, by the Vladivostok squadron and pointed out that compensation had been paid in the case of the Theo while it had not even been promised in the case of the Knight Commander. Members of the deputation stated that it was notorious that the shipments of contraband had been made from Antwerp and Hamburg, while insurance rates from those ports were lower than from English ports in the ratio of 5 shillings to 20 shillings.

London, August 26.—News has reached England that the Russian auxiliary cruiser Ural stopped and examined the British Collier Pencalenik on August 12.

The Pencalenik was bound from Cardiff to Malta with coal for the British navy.

London, August 26.—The Anchor liner Asia, 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 SHIPS OUT OF BUSINESS

ASKOLD AND TORPEDO BOAT AT SHANGHAI WILL HANG UP UNTIL END OF WAR.

THREATENED CLASH IS AVERTED

Russian Admiral Wanted to go Out and Fight Superior Force but He Was Ordered to Disarm.

Shanghai, Aug. 25.—The Russian cruiser Askold and the destroyer Groszovoi have gone out of commission, but the work of repairing them is being continued. There was no formal ceremony when the vessels went out of commission. Their flags were not raised today.

A simple announcement was made by the commanders of the two warships that the vessels would remain in port until the war is over. The work of dismantling them which began on Friday, the Askold has been authorized to remain in dock until September 11 in order to complete her repairs.

The crews of the two vessels with the exception of the necessary guards will be paroled and allowed to return to Russia.

The Shanghai newspapers unambiguously regard the outcome of the recent situation as due in no small measure to the diplomacy and tact of John Goodnow, the American consul general here.

Created no Surprise.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 25.—The announcement that the Askold and Groszovoi had been disarmed at Shanghai mously regard the outcome of the responsible authorities decided a week ago, as stated in the Associated Press despatches, to follow this course. Russia was only waiting for a definite agreement between China and Japan which would insure the protection of the ships against a repetition of the Ryeshitani incident at Che Foo. After the flags of the Askold and Groszovoi had been hauled down their guns were dismantled.

Capt. Reitzenstein only reported the hauling down of the Russian flag last night. The correspondent of the Associated Press learns that Capt. Reitzenstein asked the admiralty to be allowed to take out his ship 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 and the incident is considered closed.

Arrested at Rome. August 25.—A special to the Herald from Rome, Ga., says Dick Black, the alleged partner of Joe Laney, Jr., was arrested there today. Laney who is but 16 years old, is under arrest at Atlanta, charged with embezzling \$1,100 from the Western Union Telegraph company at Dallas, Black's family is one of the best known in Rome.

PANIC CREATED IN BETTING RING

EXPLOSIONS OF DYNAMITE CAPS STARTED STAMPEDE AT CHICAGO RACE TRACK.

THREE PERSONS ARE INJURED

Supposed That Caps Were Thrown on Floor With Idea of Robbing Bookmakers When the Explosion Came Off.

Chicago, August 25.—By the explosion of some dynamite caps and the panic which followed it, three persons were injured today. It is supposed that the caps were thrown on the floor of betting ring at Hawthorne with the idea of creating a panic, during which the cash boxes of bookmakers might be robbed. An attempt was made to rob one of the bookmakers but it failed.

The injured: Frank Williams; Mitchell Bruno, right foot lacerated. A. M. McGill received a severe scalp wound and was badly bruised in the panic in the ring. None of the injured are seriously hurt.

Stepped on Cap. The first explosion was caused by Williams, who while walking through the east side of the ring, stepped on a cap. It exploded tearing off his shoe and lacerating his foot severely.

He fell to the floor with a cry and instantly there was a shout that some insane man was discharging his revolver at random. Immediately there was a wild panic and while the bookies seizing their cash boxes bent low in their booths, the crowd rushed across to the south side of the ring in the effort to escape. Just as the thick of the throng reached this side of the ring, somebody stepped on another cap and the crowd started back to the place from which they had started on their first run. McGill was knocked down during this rush and was trampled upon.

Third Explosion. A third explosion took place some minutes after the panic had been allayed. It occurred just beneath a chair upon which Bruno was sitting. It threw him to the floor and a portion of the chair striking his foot tore it badly. While excitement was at its height, a man attempted to grab a cash box from a bookmaker doing business under the name of the Chicago club. He was knocked down by a clerk and ran away before he could be arrested.

WANTS COOPERATION.

Russia Asks England to Send Warships After Offenders.

St. Petersburg, August 25.—Great Britain has formally called the attention of the Russian government to the renewed activity of the volunteer steamer Smolensk and has asked for explanation. Russia has not yet formally replied, being without definite information.

Orders sent to the Smolensk not to stop any more neutral vessels have not been delivered.

Russia has asked for co-operation of Great Britain in getting orders to the Smolensk. This was agreed to and the British government will try to deliver the instructions through ships from Cape Colony. Russia is seeking to carry out her agreement in good faith and no complaints are expected.

BANDITS ARE ACTIVE.

Pillage Murder and Other Atrocities in Philippines.

Manila, Aug. 25.—A detail of native constabulary has been ambushed on the island of Leyte by a superior force of bandits. Captain H. Barrett, of 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 kidnapped. Mercado was accused of being too friendly with the Americans.

Three Chinese stores were burned. Five natives were murdered the rest of them being buried alive. Col. Hartford of the constabulary is now on the trail of the bandits.

FOUR ARE DEAD.

Others Are Wounded in a Fierce Tornado.

Jameson, N. Y., Aug. 25.—Four persons lost their lives and several others were wounded in a tornado that swept through Chautauque county today.

Parthoset Grove, where the Stock town picnic was being held was directly in the path of the storm. Five thousand people were on the grounds when a terrific wind storm swept through the place.

WANT PEACE.

St. Petersburg, August 26, (3 a. m.)—Prime Minister Balfour's statement to a deputation representing the London Chamber of Commerce regarding the volunteer fleet steamers Smolensk and St. Petersburg merely agrees with the prior information received by the Associated Press; none conveyed in these dispatches that Russia and Great Britain are mutually anxious for an amicable conclusion of the career of these vessels of the high seas. The statement, however, allays an apprehension that the overhauling of the British steamer Comedian might cause fresh complications.

BAILEY OPENS IN BROOKLYN

TEXAS SENATOR IS PRINCIPAL SPEAKER AT CAMPAIGN RALLY.

ROOSEVELT AND RACE EQUALITY

Declares Race Problem Which Now Confronts Southern People Will Take Their Highest Wisdom in Its Solution.

New York, Aug. 25.—The campaign in Brooklyn was opened tonight by a meeting held under the auspices of the Kings County Democratic Club, at which Senator J. W. Bailey of Texas was the principal speaker. Resolutions endorsing the nomination of Parker and Davis were read and after an introductory address in which he reviewed the political situation, Edward M. Shepard, chairman of the meeting introduced Senator Bailey, who was greeted with prolonged applause.

"It has never happened heretofore," said the senator, "and it will seldom happen hereafter, that the personal opinions and conduct of candidates have determined or will determine the suffrage of so many voters as in this campaign." He would not utter even a word on the habits or the character of President Roosevelt.

Taking up the tariff question, Senator Bailey said:

"Our Republican friends profess indignation surprise at our declaration of the tariff question and their campaign committee have done us the honor to partially incorporate nearly the entire plank in the platform on that subject in their campaign book. They did not however have the candor to repeat it in full and did not even print the complete sentence which they pretended to quote. They seem to be fiercely aroused because we have dared to say that protection is a robbery of the many to enrich the few."

Race Equality.

"Not content with having nominated a candidate who had taught by his personal example the pernicious doctrine of social equality between the Anglo-Saxon and the African race, the Republican party has gone even further and as if bent upon the mischievous design of aggravating racial antagonism, it has deliberately proclaimed its intention to reduce the representation of certain states in congress and in the electoral college because the people of those states will not consent to be represented by ignorance and the inferior men. Do the men who made and who adopted that platform know if the threat should be carried into execution the South would not be the only sufferer? Do these men not know that this country is so closely and so firmly knitted together that the whole must suffer from every injury inflicted on any part? The millions invested in Southern railroads are practically all except the foreign holdings, the property of Northern and Eastern men."

Sectional Differences.

"But there is another standpoint. This attempt to resurrect sectional differences is in painful contrast with the teachings of that great and kind man, who first elevated to the presidency by an election, and this nation stood with uncovered head around the grave of McKinley's grave, men of every section blessed his name and memory because he had restored good will between the brothers who had been estranged by a civil war."

"The sorrow over his untimely death was as universal and as genuine in Mississippi as it was in Massachusetts. And yet his successor, who promised to follow in McKinley's footsteps, has reversed McKinley's policy and is now fermenting discord where McKinley had brought us peace."

Refers to Lynchings.

"The race problem which now confronts the Southern people will tax their highest wisdom and their most manly patriotism in its solution. Except for a single and numerous crime against the women of our land, there is no thoughtful man in all the South, who does not predicate Lynch-

RUSSIAN TORPEDO-BOAT IS SUNK BY MINE

HILL HANDS IT TO ROOSEVELT

DECLARES THE PRESENT WHITE HOUSE INCUMBENT IS A FRAUD.

CAMPAIGNS OPEN IN NEW YORK

Former Senator Delivers Address in Which he Touches on Tariff, Money and Other Party Questions.

Binghamton, N. Y., August 26.—Former Senator David B. Hill opened the democratic campaign in Broome county today, in a speech at the agricultural fair at Deposit. In the course of his address Senator Hill touched upon the tariff question, saying he believed in an honest revision of the tariff laws so that vast corporate interests should not be subserved to the detriment of the people.

Referring to the financial interests of the country the senator said: "The gold standard has been irrevocably established so that there is no necessity for a change. The democratic party which established the present currency system can safely be trusted whenever the necessity shall arrive to make such changes for the interest of the people."

Party Differences.

Speaking of the differences between the democratic and the republican parties, the speaker said the republican party stands for private purposes. "Theodore Roosevelt, the republican candidate for the presidency," declared Mr. Hill, "is a fraud. At the time he took his oath of office in Buffalo after the assassination of McKinley he declared in public that he would simply fill Mr. McKinley's place, that he would not look for renomination. Later on the same train with McKinley's dead body, he gave out the statement to the press that he thought he had been misunderstood by the public which meant practically that he was the candidate for renomination. The republicans had him in their hands and could do nothing but remonstrate with him."

TREMENDOUS LOSSES.

Over Ten Thousand Japs Said to be Lost.

Che Foo, August 25.—Russian advices received here say that the Japanese assault on Port Arthur August 21 and 22 were repulsed with tremendous losses. It is added that the attempt of the Japanese to capture Port No. 1 cost them 10,000 men and that the attack on Fort Etsehin resulted in their losing 3,000 men killed or wounded.

Port Dalny is said to be filled with wounded men.

The Japanese are hiring laborers here for service on the Liao Tung peninsula.

It is said the Japanese are receiving provisions through the port of Wei Hai Wei.

ASSAULT AUGUST 19.

Japs Opened up a Fierce Bombardment on Port Arthur.

St. Petersburg, August 25.—The emperor has received a dispatch from Viceroy Alexieff dated August 24, saying that Gen. Stoessel reports from Port Arthur August 19, that at 4:30 in the morning of that day the Japanese began an assault on Uglouoi Hill and opened a fierce bombardment on the fortifications of the north and east forts with their batteries on Wolf's Hill.

The Japanese are digging trenches in front of Sulysen and along the entire Lunkhe (Tiger) valley.

CLOSING IN.

Only Two Forts Left in Control of Russians.

Che Foo, August 25, (5 p. m.)—Golden Hill, White Marble Mountain and Liao Mountain, according to Chinese advices dated the night of August 22, are now the only main forts securely held by the Russians at Port Arthur. Others are occupied by them but they are subjected to artillery fire which renders their tenure uncertain. Fort Number 5, which has frequently been reported taken by the Japanese and retaken by the Russians is being again declared in the hands of the Japanese. A rumor having some points indicating authenticity says that the new European house is in flames.

The Japanese, it is said, are mounting guns taken from the harbor defenses of Kobe, Nagasaki and Yokohama. The guns numbering 399 are of heavy calibre.

CONFIDENCE GROWS.

Russians Feel that Japs Cannot Take the City.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 26.—(3 a. m.) The latest information from the front is summed up in today's dispatch from Che Foo to the Associated Press showing that the Japanese in the assaults on Port Arthur Aug. 21 and 22 were again repulsed with heavy losses. Despite the assertions made in Tokio that all the attacks so far on the fortress have been merely preliminary to a grand assault, the feeling grows here that the ferocity of the repeated attacks and the defeats must be gradually dissipating the energy of the besiegers and that the Japanese may find after all that they have broken their teeth on the stones of Port Arthur.

ANOTHER DESTROYER CAME IN CONTACT WITH MINE BUT WAS TOWED BACK INTO PORT ARTHUR BY A FLEET.

ATTEMPT TO CLEAR OBSTRUCTIONS IN HARBOR RESULTS IN A LOSS TO THE RUSSIANS

Advices to Chee Foo Indicate That Only Two Forts at Port Arthur Remain in Hands of Defenders. Japs Said to Have Suffered More Heavy Losses.

Tokio, August 25.—Five steamers and five torpedo boat destroyers emerged from Port Arthur yesterday morning and began the work of clearing away the floating mines. At 20 minutes past six in the evening a two-funnel torpedo boat destroyer struck a mine two miles off Liouti promontory and sunk immediately. Five minutes later a second destroyer with four funnels ran against another floating mine which exploded. The second vessel was at once surrounded by Russian ships and towed into Port Arthur, the entire flotilla accompanying her. These occurrences were seen from various Japanese watch towers. The Japanese cruiser Hashidate also witnessed the explosion. The action of the Russians in attempting to clear the channel of mines indicates the intention of the fleet again to sally from Port Arthur.

FURTHER PLANS FOR LABOR DAY

COMMITTEE REPORTS AT MEETING OF TRADES AND LABOR ASSEMBLY.

EVERYTHING WORKING SMOOTHLY

Indications are That This Year Beaumont Will Have One of Greatest Labor Day Demonstrations in its History.

Further plans for the Labor Day celebration to be held in Beaumont September 5 were adopted at a meeting of the Labor Day committee of the Trades and Labor Assembly at Carpenter's Hall last evening. It was the regular meeting night. It was Trades and Labor Assembly but that body adjourned early out of consideration for the committee.

The Labor Day committee was called to order at the close of the assembly meeting, with a good attendance of delegates from various locals in the city. The various committees reported progress. A full report was not brought in, but this will be done next week and published.

It is stated that everything is working smoothly reduced rates have been secured from all railroads entering Beaumont on the convention basis, which is one and one-third fare for the round trip. Many from out of town will take advantage of the cheap rate offered and visit Beaumont on Labor Day. The advertising committee has had several thousand large bills struck off and distributed in all the town within a radius of fifty miles of Beaumont, as well as in the city. If the day is clear a good sized crowd will be in attendance.

As stated in the Enterprise the other morning amusements galore have been provided for the day and will be pulled off at the Driving Park.

The line of march for the labor day parade has been outlined as follows: Forming at Trades and Labor Hall, corner Washington and Main streets to Pearl, down Pearl to Franklin, to Orleans, to Bonham to Pearl, to Washington. The route chosen is over paved streets. This was done so as not to take the fire department, which will take part in the parade, outside of the fire limit.

A contest is on for the grand marshaling of Labor Day. It costs one cent to vote with the privilege of voting as often as one likes. The candidates are as follows: P. J. Davies, painter; H. Fehl, carpenter; Chas. Weber, bartender. The voting boxes have been placed at the Postoffice Drug Store, opposite the postoffice, the Union Club Bar on Fanning and the Labor News office, corner Washington and Pearl. The contest closes Friday morning, Sept. 2, at 8 o'clock. The contest proceeds to become interesting as the fields of each of the candidates are determined to have their man win.

The program committee is hard at work on the program for the day and as soon as the committee's labors are completed, the program to be carried out will be printed.

Highest in 30 Years.

Memphis, Aug. 25.—A bale of new cotton, shipped by Muse and Harris of Junction, Ark., brought 46 cents a pound in an auction sale in front of the cotton exchange this afternoon. This is the highest price paid for cotton in Memphis for 30 years.

No Improvement.

Worcester, Mass., Aug. 25.—The following bulletin was issued from the house of Senator Hoar tonight: "Senator Hoar has passed a comfortable day. He has taken considerable nourishment but there is no marked improvement in his condition."