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HOSTILITIES AVERTED

AGREEMENT ARRIVED AT IN CRISIS THREATENING ANGLO- RUSSIAN RELATIONS.

OFFER OF ARBITRATION ACCEPTED

NORTH SEA AFFAIR TO BE SUBMITTED TO INTERNATIONAL COURT OF INQUIRY.

WARSHIPS HELD PENDING DECISION

PORTION OF BALTIC FLEET INVOLVED WILL REMAIN AT SPANISH PORT.

ANGLO-RUSSIAN SITUATION.

It is announced from London that the crisis threatened in the relations of Great Britain and Russia because of the North sea incident has been averted and a satisfactory settlement reached.

A proposition to refer the matter to a mixed court of inquiry has been accepted and the inquiry will be held at The Hague under the rules of The Hague convention. The appointment of the arbitrators will be discussed immediately between Ambassador Benckendorff and Lord Lansdowne.

In the meantime orders have gone from St. Petersburg to Vice Admiral Rojestvensky to hold his squadron at Vigo and Spain will be asked to permit those Russian ships concerned in the incident to remain there until the inquiry is completed.

PORT ARTHUR HIS GRAVE.

General Stoessel Wires Final Goodbye to Emperor.

Shanghai, Oct. 29.—A private letter from Port Arthur, dated Oct. 21, received here during the day, says: "General Stoessel wired the Russian emperor and court recently: 'I now bid you all goodbye forever. Port Arthur is my grave.'"

"General Stoessel has instilled the garrison of the beleaguered fortress with the spirit that to court a glorious death is preferable to capitulation. "The Japanese shells are inflicting great damage to the Russian fleet in the harbor and to the fortifications. The arsenal, with its contents of ammunition and small arms, has been destroyed and preparations are being made for the last deadly struggle at close quarters. The water supply having been cut off wells are being sunk. Provisions are scarce. Only tinned meats being left the soldiers hold gala feasts on horses killed by the shells. "General Simunoff, it is said, would surrender, but is overruled by General Stoessel.

"The field and naval hospitals are crowded and hygienic conditions are becoming desperate. The bombardment at times is so intense that it is impossible to bury the dead to any depth. Over one-half of the original garrison is dead, wounded or sick. "The high angle at which their artillery fire is directed by the Japanese has practically destroyed the new town.

"The besiegers are pressing closer daily and it is hard to say how long we can hold out. When the end comes there will be a desperate fight and surprise. Thousands of the enemy will perish as everything is mined."

This letter was entrusted to a native boatman, who ran the blockade and mailed it at Chefoo. The recipient is a prominent Continental business man of this city, with a branch house at Port Arthur.

RETURNING TO RUSSIA.

Viceroy Alexieff Issues Farewell Order of the Day.

Harbin, Oct. 29.—Viceroy Alexieff has issued his farewell order of the day. It is as follows:

"In execution of his majesty's orders I am leaving St. Petersburg. I thank all the officers of the Pacific fleet most heartily for their self-sacrificing work at sea during the last ten months, which, in the matter of destroying the enemy's mines, has been attended with grave danger. I consider it my duty to thank particularly the seamen at Port Arthur, who, while showing great fighting powers, have worked harmoniously and zealously in conjunction with the gallant soldiers in the fortress and, with their guns, their valor and their knowledge, have helped in the heroic defense of the fortress against the advance of a self-willed, stubborn enemy."

ANOTHER LETTER TO TYNER.

President Replies to Last Communication Received.

Washington, Oct. 29.—By direction of the president Secretary Loeb has sent to James N. Tyner, the former assistant attorney general for the post office department, a letter in reply to Mr. Tyner's letter dated Oct. 8 and made public Thursday night. The letter says that as the question of Mr. Tyner's guilt on the criminal charge on which he was tried has been passed upon by a jury the president acquiesces in the jury's finding, but the evidence "seems to him overwhelming that you (Mr. Tyner) were guilty either of moral obliquity in performance of duty or the grossest inefficiency." The acts for which Mr. Tyner was placed on trial were alleged to have taken place while he was assistant attorney general for the post office department, from which office, as the result of the general investigation of the postal service, he was removed in April, 1903.

MILLIONS FOR CHARITY.

Minnesota Supreme Court Upholds Wilder and Appleby Wills.

St. Paul, Oct. 29.—By a decision of the supreme court rendered by Chief Justice Start, without a dissenting opinion, the Wilder and Appleby charities are held valid. The decision shuts out nephews and nieces of decedents, who wanted to intervene in the settlement of the estates. It holds that a provision for "the worthy poor of St. Paul" is sufficiently definite to constitute a valid trust.

The trustees who organized the charities are empowered to begin the operation of the charities and distribute the estate according to the terms of the wills of Mrs. Wilder and Mrs. Appleby.

There is about \$3,500,000 available for the charities.

IOWA DOUBLE TRAGEDY.

Farmer Fatally Wounds Wife and Kills Himself.

Des Moines, Oct. 29.—William Peddicord, a farmer living about eight miles southwest of Perry, attacked his wife with a club, inflicting injuries from which she cannot recover, and then killed himself. The family was well respected and apparently well-to-do, although it has developed that Peddicord owed \$1,200 of which his wife was ignorant, and he feared the revelation of their true financial condition, the farm being a legacy to Mrs. Peddicord and in her name.

PARKER THANKS BRYAN.

Candidate Sends Telegram of Appreciation to Nebraskan.

Esopus, N. Y., Oct. 29.—Judge Parker has expressed his appreciation of the part William J. Bryan has taken in the present campaign and has sent him a telegram as follows: "I wish to thank you for the splendid service you have rendered to the Democratic party in Indiana and elsewhere during the present campaign."

Routine Matters Discussed.
Washington, Oct. 29.—No matters of state importance were considered at the meeting of the cabinet. Secretaries Hay, Shaw, Metcalf and Hitchcock and Attorney General Moody and Postmaster General Wynne were present. There was a discussion of politics and departmental questions.

NEARER THE FORTRESS

JAPANESE DESPERATELY ATTACK PORT ARTHUR, CAPTURING SEVERAL POSITIONS.

SOME FIGHTING SOUTH OF MUKDEN

RUSSIANS DISLODGED FROM HIGH HILL AFTER A HAND-TO-HAND ENCOUNTER.

WAR DISPATCHES SUMMARIZED.

Tokio hears unofficially that the Japanese opened a desperate attack Oct. 26 on the forts around Port Arthur, occupying several positions and silencing a number of Russian batteries.

Chefoo reports that advances received there from the besieged fortress say that fighting is almost continuous.

The main Russian and Japanese forces which confront each other south of Mukden have not yet become engaged, although small affairs continue. Thursday the Japanese rushed a high hill held by the Russians and succeeded in dislodging them after a hand-to-hand fight. The position was defended by about a regiment, with five machine guns. It is described as important as a post of observation.

DRIVEN ACROSS THE STREAM

RUSSIANS LOSE ONLY POSITION HELD BY THEM SOUTH OF SHAKHE RIVER.

General Kuroki's Headquarters in the Field, via Fusan, Oct. 29.—The Japanese gave a stirring exhibition of sharp and determined fighting Thursday. They drove the Russians from a high hill ten miles east of the railroad in General Kuroki's front, which is important strategically as a post of observation, and was the only point south of the Shakhe river which the Russians held. About a regiment of Russians were entrenched there, with five machine guns.

The Japanese rushed the Russian trenches, shot many Russians as they were running down the hillside and captured two machine guns. The Japanese had twenty men killed and eighty wounded. The Russians left thirty dead on the field. There was hand-to-hand fighting when the trenches were taken. The Russians retired across the river. When the Japanese flag was raised over a tower surmounting the hill the Russian batteries showered shrapnel on it for an hour, but without result.

SILENCE RUSSIAN BATTERIES

JAPANESE MAKE A DESPERATE GENERAL ATTACK ON PORT ARTHUR.

Tokio, Oct. 29.—It is reported that the Japanese opened a desperate general attack on the eastern forts of the Keekwan group, north of Port Arthur, during the morning of Oct. 26 and silenced the Russian batteries. A shell exploded the Russian magazines.

Simultaneously the Japanese attacked the forts on Rihlung mountain and Sunghohowian mountain, silenced the Russian batteries and stormed and occupied the forts in front of these mountains.

On the night of Oct. 26 there was a conflagration in old Port Arthur and on Oct. 27 a shell hit the Russian battleship Sevastopol and two Russian steamers were sunk.

Official confirmation of the above is lacking, but the reports are believed to be true.

GARRISON DECREASING.

Russian Force at Port Arthur Numbers Ten Thousand.

Chefoo, Oct. 29.—Japanese at Dalny report the continued arrival of huge siege guns.

A junk from Port Arthur, with eleven Chinese who left there on Oct. 19 on account of the costliness of food, arrived here during the day. They say that several of the Russian warships have been hit by dropping shells, but none have been sunk. They estimate the able-bodied soldiers there now at 10,000, saying a smaller force would be insufficient to garrison the various positions.

Scarcely a night passes without small engagements over minor positions and artillery fire is exchanged daily.

RUSSIANS THE AGGRESSORS.

Greater Activity Manifested South of Mukden.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 29.—More and more activity is being manifested south of Mukden, the Russians being the aggressors. A dispatch which reached the war office during the day from General Sakharoff describes a Russian reconnaissance far south of Erdagou, thus putting an end to the rumor that the Japanese had taken it. He also reports the capture of two villages southwest of Sinchinpu.

Jap Laborers Ordered Home.

Missoula, Mont., Oct. 29.—Japanese section hands on the Northern Pacific railway have received word for all members of the first reserve of the Japanese army to return at once to Japan for military purposes.

FAR FROM CONCILIATORY.

Russian Press Comment on the North Sea Affair.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 29.—The morning papers print Vice Admiral Rojestvensky's report of the North sea incident with extensive comments, the tone of which does not favor conciliation. The Russian admiral's report is accepted without reservation as the true explanation of the happenings at Dogger bank and stress is laid upon the concurrence of Vice Admiral Rojestvensky's report that he was attacked by torpedo boats with the declaration of the fishermen that two torpedo boats, of which the Russian fleet had none, ran in close to the trawlers before heading for the vessels of the Russian squadron. Attention is called also to the statement by the fishermen that a small vessel remained six hours at the scene of the disaster, while Vice Admiral Rojestvensky reports that the whole Russian squadron proceeded to the southward.

While it is the general disposition to throw the blame for all the loss of life upon the Japanese some of the newspapers do not hesitate to intimate that it is Great Britain's private affair. The Novosti boldly suggests the possibility that the torpedo boats described by the Russian commanders were boats loaned to the Japanese by the British government.

The Novoe Vremya says that, notwithstanding Great Britain's numerical superiority upon the sea, there is no need to flaunt the fact in the face of the Russian people, who are able to await eventualities, trusting in God.

The Russ congratulates Vice Admiral Rojestvensky upon "beating off the Japanese attack" and says his report, as it was expected it would, puts an entirely different face upon the whole matter.

REITERATES HIS STATEMENT.

Rojestvensky Positive of Presence of Torpedo Boats.

London, Oct. 29.—The Daily Chronicle publishes an interview had with Admiral Rojestvensky at Vigo which gives a few interesting statements not yet published. The admiral is quoted as saying that when the vessels of the Russian squadron found themselves surrounded by the fishing fleet the warships had to stop their engines continually so as not to get their screws entangled in the nets. The warships frequently gave way to the trawlers. Suddenly the cruiser Aurora saw ahead of her two torpedo boats coming towards the squadron at full speed. She turned her searchlight on them and then noticed two floating mines close to her. An order to fire on the torpedo boats was immediately given, with the result that one of the boats was sunk and the other escaped and was lost sight of among the trawlers.

The admiral added there were two men injured on his flagship. One, a priest, had a hand shot off. Six shots fired during the incident hit the Russian vessels. The Aurora was hit and has not yet been repaired.

NO TORPEDO BOATS THERE.

Fishermen Deny Report of Admiral Rojestvensky.

London, Oct. 29.—In reply to an inquiry regarding the alleged presence of torpedo boats among the Hull fishing fleet Dr. Jackson, solicitor of the owners of the fleet, wires as follows: "I have personally interviewed the crews of the Mouline, Mino and Gull and the boatswain of the Crane and the other men from the Crane. They unanimously and emphatically deny Admiral Rojestvensky's suggestion concerning vessels like torpedo boats moving rapidly among the fishing fleet, which they characterize as a fabrication. Trawlers could not be mistaken for war vessels nor our fishermen for Japanese."

"The steam trawler Kennett has sent in a report that the last Russian vessel fired at her at 7 a. m., the shot passing between her funnel and foremast. The Mouline and the Mino saw the Russians at 4 a. m. and 6 a. m. respectively."

FIRE SHOT AT VESSEL.

Russians Did Not Use Blank Cartridges in North Sea.

Gefle, Sweden, Oct. 29.—The captain and crew of the Swedish steamer Aldebaran, from Hull, previously reported to have been fired on in the Skagerack by a foreign cruiser, apparently Russian, have been examined on oath by a magistrate at the instance of the government. All affirmed their conviction that the cruiser fired shot and not merely blank cartridges. The captain reports that shells were seen to burst in the air near his steamer. The guns used are supposed to be quickfiring. The ships were a half a mile apart at the time of the attack. The witnesses said they were convinced that the warship from which the shots were fired saw distinctly the Swedish flag on the Aldebaran.

SITUATION IMPROVED.

Statement Issued by Russian Embassy at London.

London, Oct. 29.—A statement issued by the Russian embassy is as follows:

"We are in constant communication with the British government. As a result of these communications the embassy hopes that there will be a speedy and satisfactory settlement. The whole aspect of the situation has decidedly improved."

LEAVES OF ABSENCE CANCELLED.

British Naval Officers Must Be Ready for Duty.

London, Oct. 29.—Admiralty orders have reached Portsmouth to stop the leave of all officers and men and directing that the torpedo boat destroyer flotilla be kept in readiness to proceed wherever ordered.

ACTIVITY AT GIBRALTAR.

Boom Defenses Being Rigged at Both Ends of Harbor.

Gibraltar, Oct. 29.—Boom defenses are being rigged at both ends of the harbor. The battleships of the channel fleet are still in port with steam up and decks cleared.

British Warships Sail.

Gibraltar, Oct. 29.—The British cruisers Lancaster, Stolk, Hermes, Doris, Endymion and Theseus sailed to the westward during the morning.

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