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ATTACK TRANSPORTS.

ONE OF THEM SUNK BY THE RUSSIAN FLEET.

Explosion Adds to Horror on Ship
Sent Down—Russian Officers
Refuse Quarter—Crew Preferred
Death to Being
Captured.

—Tokio, June 18.—Further details have been received as to the attack on four Japanese transports in the Korean Straits on Wednesday by a part, or the whole, of the Siberian squadron. That there were four, and not three, transports, as was at first reported, now seems quite certain. The four transports attacked were the Hitachi Maru, the Kagato, the Sado Maru and the Izumi Maru, the first of which was sunk by the Russian fleet. The second and third are safe, while the fate of the fourth is uncertain, all that is known of her being she is overdue at Moji.

The Hitachi in attempting to escape from the Russian squadron, was fired upon by machine guns from three of the Russian cruisers. Her boiler burst and fire broke out immediately afterward on the transport. Numbers of her men were killed, while nearly all her officers committed suicide with their swords or pistols. A lieutenant-colonel burned his regimental colors, calling upon the men to witness the act. Directly afterwards he was struck by a shell and killed.

There was no time to lower boats from the transport, and many of the men on board jumped into the sea. Thirty-seven of these were saved by a fishing boat. It is believed that some thirty others, who jumped, also escaped with their lives, but their ultimate fate is unknown.

The total number on board the Hitachi Maru is not yet known. The Sado Maru, although safe, is disabled. It is stated that the vessels of the Russian squadron, which attacked the transports, fired about 150 shells at the Sado Maru, two of which, lodging in the transport's machinery, badly crippled her. The Russians then ordered the crew to leave the ship, but only the non-combatants on board obeyed. These latter, together with some of those saved, after they jumped overboard from the Hitachi Maru, conveyed the news to points where it could be sent to the Japanese capital. The Sado Maru, although disabled continued to float, and all who remained on board were saved.

A survivor reports to Vice-Admiral Tsunoda that the Hitachi was hit 60 times and caught fire. A boat from the Sado was sent to the Russians for the purpose of parley. The Russians agreed to give the Sado 40 minutes to clear the ship, and said they would take the non-combatants on board. The Russians, later, it is declared, refused to receive the non-combatants except an Englishman, the chief mate, and before the 40 minutes had expired the Russians, it is further said, torpedoed the boat on both sides.

The greater number of those on board the Hitachi were annihilated. The Russian ships were sighted at 7 o'clock in the morning, and in response to a signal the Hitachi was stopped, but at 10 o'clock got under way again and attempted to escape. The Russians followed and opened a heavy fire directed about the water line, with the evident intention of destroying the troops on board. The fire was terrific, and in a few minutes the decks were covered with corpses and washed with blood. One shell, which struck the engine room, killed 200 men. The ship began to fill, and sank gradually by the stern. At 6 o'clock in the evening she was completely submerged.

Captain Campbell, the English master of the transport, jumped overboard at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, and is numbered among the missing. The chief engineer was killed on the bridge.

Sandy Hill, N. Y., June 11.—A desperate scheme to blackmail Fred D. Howland, one of the wealthiest residents of Sandy Hill, has thrown the village into a fever of excitement. Last Wednesday he received a letter demanding \$5,000 on penalty of having one of his four children kidnapped. The letter bore the postmark "Sandy Hill, June 8, 11:30 A. M."

The writer demanded that five thousand dollars in \$100 bills be put in a tin can which would be found in the crevices of a tree in the yard of the residence of W. F. Patterson, in Oak street, which is one of the best residence districts here. The Patterson residence has an electric light in front.

The condition was that Howland was to drive by the site soon after receiving the letter. In case he attempted to waylay the men making the demand they would riddle him with bullets, the writer said.

Mr. Howland consulted the chief of police and telegraphed to New York for a detective. At the time specified in the letter Mr. Howland took a package of paper and placed it in the can as directed, and detectives have been watching the place ever since, but without result. No one went after the supposed treasure.

A detective has been shadowing a suspicious local character and his house is being watched. Mr. and Mrs. Howland are much agitated over the matter. The letter, which was badly spelled and written in pencil, reads: "We are hard pinched for cash; must have it quick. Won't you give us \$5,000 in \$100-bills? You are worth \$500,000, so you can spare it. If you don't do this will wipe one of your kids, and won't kill it, but worse; we will torture it to end of its days. Don't want big one; it will be one of little ones. Have money ready Thursday June 9, half past 9 in evening. Put it at 92 Oak street at foot of tree southward in tin can that will be there. Wrap roll money in paper."

"Now remember, if you fail nothing will save you, even if you hire one hundred men to guard your kids. Don't let any one know about this. If you do we will deal with you as we see fit. Pass the place in the afternoon between 4 and 5 o'clock. Some of the gang will be watching for you and no harm will come to you. We will riddle you to pieces if you attempt to waylay us. Remember, come alone with the money, and if you don't hell on earth will play with you and we will follow you from place to place and your life will be hell."

"Come rain or shine, Thursday night. We want to leave the damn town Friday, and if you don't bring the money we will start to seek our revenge." Some think it is a hoax, but Mr. Howland intends to discover the perpetrators if possible.

Grant's Pass, O., June 8.—A milkpan half full of gold—200 ounces—valued at more than \$4000, was the sight that greeted scores of visitors at the Grants Pass Banking & Trust Company's bank today. This represents about one-fifth of the amount taken from a ledge since its discovery last Sunday afternoon.

The discovery was made by the 18-year-old son of David Briggs. While out hunting, he stumbled onto a ledge of decomposed quartz which was more gold than quartz. He secured a chunk the size of a candle box, and took it to his father's placer claim, where it was mortared and yielded nearly \$800.

Early next morning the family staked out seven claims and began mining. In two hours they had \$2,000, and in one week they had mortgaged out \$25,000, and Mr. Briggs reports the ledge getting better all the time. The whole amount was taken from an excavation ten feet long by seven feet deep. The find is the talk of the country, and already the surrounding hills are being searched by prospectors and gold excitement is at fever heat. The ledge is located in the southeastern part of Josephine county, about 50 miles from Grants Pass.

Nagasaki, June 17.—Seventy-three survivors from the transport Sado arrived here today. They escaped in a water boat and contrived a sail from their clothing. They met a British steamer off the island of Iki at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon and were towed to a point near Nagasaki. The survivors say that the Sado's engines were disabled after a few shots had been fired by the Russians. When the survivors left the scene the Hitachi was still afloat.

Firecrackers, bombs, rockets and all other kinds of fireworks at Hodes Gun store.

A TRAIN HELD UP

EAST-BOUND PASSENGER TRAIN FROM PORTLAND ROBBED IN MONTANA.

Express Car and Safe Dynamited
—Posses in Pursuit With
Bloodhounds—Booty
Said to Be
\$60,000.

Missoula, Mont., June 18.—Big posses of officers, all determined men, are today pursuing bandits who, at 11 o'clock last night, held up and robbed the North Coast limited train of the Northern Pacific railway near Bearmouth station. But two masked men are supposed to have accomplished the bold hold-up and they are supposed to have been members of the notorious "Kid" Currie gang. They got away with a sum which is believed to have reached \$60,000, although express officials are reticent regarding the amount.

The holdup occurred near the same spot and was similar in nature to that of two years ago in which Engineer O'Neil was killed. The train stops at Bearmouth to take water and it was at this time the robbers boarded the tender of the engine. After leaving the water tank the train had only proceeded a short distance when the engineer and firemen were covered with guns in the hands of two masked men who had climbed over the coal from the rear of the tender. The engineer and fireman were ordered to throw up their hands, and at a distance of about two miles from the station Engineer Wade was ordered to stop the train, which he did. The two robbers then forced the engineer and fireman to accompany them to the express car, where the express messenger was ordered to open the door, which he refused to do. One of the masked men then handed the engineer a stick of dynamite and ordered him to light it and place it against the express car door.

After the explosion the force of which completely shattered the door and side of the car, the engineer and fireman were forced to precede the bandits into the car and the attack on the safe was at once begun. A half dozen sticks of dynamite were placed on the top of the strong box and ignited. The terrific force of this second charge completely demolished the interior and side of the car and hurled the safe a distance of ten yards from its resting place.

The contents of the safe was apparently unharmed and after securing them, the robbers warned the train crew that they would not be harmed if they made no resistance and obeyed instructions. One of the masked men accidentally struck the engineer during the proceedings and during his conversation, while making an apology, called the engineer by name. This gave rise to the suspicion that the robbers may be railroad men.

After the looting of the safe was completed the engineer and firemen were ordered back to the engine by the robbers, who kept them covered with revolvers. When the train crew reached the engine the robbers shot out the lights on the rear of the train and quickly disappeared in the darkness.

Passengers were under sea's and secreting valuables in every conceivable place that offered a hiding place. The rear brakeman, realizing what was going on, quietly slipped from the train and made his way to Bearmouth, where he reported the affair to the superintendent's office in Missoula. Shortly before 1 o'clock a sheriff's posse, left Missoula for Bearmouth.

At the break of day posses with bloodhounds started in pursuit of the bandits. The safe blown open contained shipments of currency en route from Portland to Chicago and New York.

New Orleans, June 11.—St. Julian Renfro, Shreveport, La., who was stricken deaf and dumb in the midst of a religious argument at Chicago on May 31, in a written interview here today declared that he saw an angel and that he will devote the balance of his life to religion. Renfro wrote that his friends were firm believers in the Supreme Being while he did not believe in

God.

"In the religious discussion," Renfro wrote, "I told my friends that unless the God they believed would strike me deaf and dumb I would not believe there was one. As soon as I finished the sentence the power of speech was taken from me and a few minutes afterward I was unable to hear anything my friends were saying. I was stricken so suddenly that I hardly knew what had happened. I tried to speak, but that was impossible, and since that day I have been unable to hear or utter a word."

"Just as soon as I lost my hearing powers I saw a beautiful light in one corner of the room. It reminded me of lightning. In the midst of this light there appeared an angel. I remember the scene perfectly. The vision lasted for a few minutes only, and then disappeared as suddenly as it had come."

London, June 18.—Dispatches to the Daily Mail from Tangier state that the American naval officers there have become incensed at the action of the sultan of Morocco in bringing native troops from Casablanca into Tangier and Fes, thus wantonly disregarding the express stipulation of the bandit Raisuli for the release of Messrs. Perdicaris and Varley, and delaying their release. Protests against this action of the sultan have also been made by the British authorities.

The Americans are prepared to take energetic measures if the sultan continues to pay no heed to the protests. The American naval commander is considering the advisability of landing 1000 marines to occupy the town of Tangier until the sultan withdraws the troops.

Gibraltar, June 18.—Owing to the representations of Rear-Admiral Chadwick, of the American squadron in this water, to the British legation, H. M. S. Prince of Wales, one of Great Britain's first-class battle ships attached to the Mediterranean squadron, has been ordered to return to Tangier, there to remain until the conclusion of the negotiations now proceeding for the release of Messrs. Perdicaris and Varley by the brigand Raisuli.

Helsingfors, Finland, June 17.—The Russian flag at half-mast over the governor's palace this morning proclaimed to the people of Helsingfors that General Bobrikoff, governor-general of Finland, was dead of a bullet wound inflicted by an assassin. There was no excitement in the city, and no attempt at demonstration was made.

The father, mother, brothers and sisters of Schaumann, the assassin of Bobrikoff, were arrested and subjected to a searching examination, but late this evening they were released and allowed to return to their country home.

How far the Swedish party is implicated in the killing of the governor-general has not been established, but the authorities are convinced that Schaumann, who committed suicide, had accomplices who found in the brooding, half-fanatical student a ready tool.

Warning of the intended assassination of the governor-general reached the authorities last December, but Bobrikoff, against the pleading of his official family, declined an escort. A few months later, this warning was repeated and Bobrikoff thereafter was attended by a small guard, and a number of secret service men, except within the state building, the guard having requested permission to furnish protection for the governor there.

It appears that General Bobrikoff never had a chance to survive. The surgeons had only the slenderest hope from the operation which they performed, and they realized that death was almost inevitable. During the operation the pulse altogether ceased more than once. The injuries inflicted were so terrible as to indicate that the bullet was of an explosive nature.

When the operation was completed, the patient regained and maintained consciousness for about three hours, during which time he spoke a few words to his wife and daughters. Then at 1 o'clock he became unconscious and remained so until he died.

It is said that Schaumann's father, who was a member of the senate, retired from public life because he was opposed to Finland's becoming an integral portion of the Russian empire.

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