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## EXPECTED SEA FIGHT

### HOSTILE FLEETS ARE APPROACHING EACH OTHER NEAR SINGAPORE

Russians Going Direct to South China Sea—Greatest Naval Battle of the Age Expected Within Two Days

Singapore, Straits Settlement, April 8.—The Russian fleet is passing, steering northeastward.

Singapore, Straits Settlement, April 8.—The Russian fleet, reported by the British steamer Tara, has been sighted, heading apparently for Duran Straits, 37 miles south-southwest of Singapore.

Penang, West Coast of Malay Peninsula, April 8.—Two steamers which have arrived at Penang, report the sighting of a large Russian fleet in the Straits of Malacca. It included 25 transports and was steering towards Singapore.

The steamer Kumsang reports having sighted 12 cruisers, presumably Japanese, steaming some distance ahead—evidently a Japanese scouting squadron.

There is much excitement here and in Singapore over the anticipation of an engagement in Malayan waters.

Singapore, Straits settlement, April 8.—The British steamer Tara reports having sighted 47 Russian ships 130 miles north of Singapore.

Singapore, April 8.—The belief is general here that a desperate engagement for the control of the seas is imminent off here between the Japanese defensive fleet, under the command of Admiral Togo, and the Russian fleet commanded by Vice-Admiral Rojestvensky. The two fleets are rapidly approaching each other and naval experts here believe that a battle which will decide whether or not Japan is to retain supremacy on the ocean as well as on land will be fought within a fortnight.

The captain of a coasting steamer which has put into Penang reports having passed a fleet of 27 armor clad 70 miles to the south-east. The fleet was flying no colors, and, when he altered his course to inspect the warships, a destroyer sailed up and admonished him to turn back. The warning was promptly heeded.

Several Chinese junks that have arrived here bring the news that the converted fast merchantmen, formerly in the Yokohama-Seattle and Yokohama-San Francisco trade are patrolling every avenue through which the Russian fleet might pass in their rush toward Vladivostok and the bulk of Admiral Togo's big fleet is kept in position where it can be hurled against the Russians as soon as sighted.

Accompanying the main body of the fleet are the two floating furnaces that were built at Sasebo and which are designed to repair all damage that may result to the fleet in its cruising operations. On these ships are mounted huge floating cranes, with which disabled guns can be lifted and which are expected to prove of great service, should the Japanese suffer at the hands of the Russians.

It is the general opinion that the battle will take place in the China Sea and there is a diversity of opinion as to the outcome. While it is admitted that the Japanese fleet has the advantage of seasoned men and experienced commanders, it is also sure that the Russian admiral will enjoy the advantage of weight of metal, and that he has improved the marksmanship of his gunners in the long voyage across is also sure. The battle is sure to be one of the most desperately contested in the history of naval warfare and the element of luck may play a large part in its outcome.

London, April 8.—A dispatch from Singapore to the Daily Express says that the captain of a coasting steamer reports having sighted 27 warships 70 miles southwest of Penang.

A Batavia, Java, dispatch to the same paper says that Chinese junks report that Japanese warships are policing all the straits available to

Rojestvensky in an attempt to reach the China Seas.

Gunshu Pass, April 7.—Import operations are thought to be of the question for some time to come, rain, snow and thaw having spoiled all the roads and created impassible mud.

St. Petersburg, April 7.—The workmen of the village of Smolensk made a demonstration today, the occasion being the burial of an employe of the Pahl factory who was killed by policeman a few days ago. Six thousand persons assembled early in the morning in a heavy snow storm and awaited the funeral procession. There were red flags everywhere and a wreath deposited by socialists on the coffin was inscribed:

"Died, an innocent victim in the struggle for victory."

After the interment, revolutionary proclamations were scattered among the people, and a procession was formed, headed by a socialist carrying a banner inscribed: "Deaths to the czar, the assassin." At this juncture a large force of military and police interfered, dispersing the mob, and seized the wreaths and banners. The workmen did not attempt serious opposition and none was seriously injured.

Paris, April 4.—A rumor from St. Petersburg is published this morning that Emperor Nicholas made an attempt to commit suicide and wounded himself in the hand.

The rumor further says that the emperor's design was frustrated by the intervention of his mother, the dowager empress.

Chanute, Kan., April 7.—Representatives of 30 independent oil companies, which control three-fourths of the oil production of Kansas, met here today and decided to form a company representing \$7,000,000 of invested capital, to build a fuel oil pipe line from the Kansas oil field to Kansas City and to construct a refinery and storage tanks in that city.

The company to be formed will be the only one which will compete with the Standard Oil Company for the Middle West. The producers decided that a consolidation of all their interests is the only salvation of the independent operators in Kansas.

### Saves Two From Death.

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## A HARD FIGHT.

### SLAYS FORTY MEN BEFORE HE IS KILLED BY TARTARS.

Moslems and Tartars Combine and Attack Christian Armenians for Days in Chief City of the Caspian Oil Region—Other News.

Baku, Russia, April 4.—During the Baku massacre in which the Mussulmans and the Tartars on the one side and the Christian Armenians on the other butchered each other for days, altogether some 2,000 people were slain. But of all the tragedies in this collection of tragedies, that of the great fight and death of Adamoff is the most wonderful.

Mr. Adamoff was one of the wealthiest Armenians engaged in the oil business and his residence in Church street was one of the palaces of the city so far as the magnificence of Oriental decorations were concerned. He stood a three days' siege and shot no less than forty Tartars who, on the last day, formed a great heap of dead at the corner of the street.

On the third day, when the yelling crowds rushed up to the building occupied by his wife, family and some forty dependents, he took up his position on the balcony, and, immediately after the first shot was fired, his weapon, a powerful repeating rifle, started to do deadly work among the Tartars. His son kept him supplied with loaded weapons.

It is a remarkable fact that many of his victims were struck between the eyes. Directly a Tartar showed himself the ever-watchful Armenian took deadly aim.

While one man after another was being shot down by the brave Armenians, several Tartars stormed an oil shop whilst others scaled the street lamps and secured large quantities of oil. Returning to the house with quantities of oil and straw, they smashed in the front door, filled the hall with straw and started a conflagration.

It was at this point Adamoff was wounded in the head. He retired, but returned in five minutes. His head was swathed in linen, but his aim was none the less deadly. Several Tartars who did not expect him to reappear were shot dead. Slowly the flames crept up the side of the house, but his faithful weapons were never silenced.

His seventeen-year-old son took up his position alongside his father. He was instantly shot by the Tartars and fell over the balcony into the street. Receiving a shot in the shoulder, the deadly marksman dropped his rifle onto the railing of the balcony and continued shooting. His movements becoming slow, the Tartars became aggressive, and he finally received a fatal wound which laid him low on the balcony.

This was the signal for the Tartars to storm the lower left part of the house, which was not in flames. In the cellars they found nine men and eleven women. The men were dragged into the street and slaughtered, while the women were taken away and, at present it is not known where they have been concealed.

The last scene in this terrible tragedy was when an old woman, one of Adamoff's dependents, fell on her knees before the ruffians and implored them to save the life of her son, who was still in the house. While she was doing this the son, who heard the scoffing remarks of the Tartars and evidently feeling ashamed that his mother should beg for his life, bravely strode into the midst and Caesar-like, covered his head with his small robe, awaiting his death.

The mother, on recognizing her son, fell with her head against the wall of the burning house, while the mob, shrieking with delight, at the prospect of a new victim, immediately dismembered the boy's body.

The police records of the dead bodies taken from the building shows that there were forty victims, in other words every member of the household was either shot or burned to death. Adamoff took the life of a Tartar for the life of every member of his household, a brilliant, if bloody, performance.

Chicago, April 7.—"Great busi-

ness methods, publicity and absolutely no politics. This is the key note of the policy of the Panama canal commission, to which President Roosevelt has seen fit to appoint me president." This is the declaration of T. P. Shonts, who arrived in Chicago from New York today, on his first visit here since his appointment. Mr. Shonts will remain in Chicago but two days. He goes immediately to New York, and thence to Washington, to take up the active details of the canal commission.

Mr. Shonts announced soon after his arrival the appointment of Thomas Brown as his private secretary on the canal commission. Mr. Brown has been private secretary to Paul Marton, with the Atchafalaya, Topeka & Santa Fe railroad, for several years. Mr. Shonts also reiterated that he had decided not to resign his position as president of the Toledo, St. Louis & Western railroad, but will direct its affairs from whatever point he makes his headquarters.

"The people of the United States are the stockholders of this Panama canal, the most gigantic undertaking they have ever been interested in," said Mr. Shonts, "and for the next four years they have selected President Roosevelt to vote their stock for them. Therefore, our policy will be to work precisely as we have worked in building and operating great railroad lines. There will be monthly reports of progress, of the amount of funds expended, and the outlook for the work, just as railroads report to their stockholders. These reports will be filed regularly in Washington, so that every congressman, every official of the government and the public will be fully, reliably and frequently informed as to what is being done with their funds in Panama.

"We all are pitching in with our coats off, and there will be no time lost now or in the future. We have undertaken the task for the American people, we recognize the great responsibility resting on us, and we are going out to make good in a way that will please not only President Roosevelt and justify his confidence in us, but will also bring us the approval of all the people of the nation, the stockholders in the canal enterprise."

St. Paul, April 7.—The fight against the Standard Oil Company has been carried into North Dakota by independent oil dealers of St. Paul and Minneapolis. The railroad and warehouse commissioners of North Dakota held a conference today with the Minnesota railroad commissioners at the capitol, at which the situation was gone over. The conference was held merely to compare notes and to ascertain what the conditions really are in the two states.

Kingstown, Island of St. Vincent, April 7.—In view of the fact that earthquake shocks were experienced on the Island of St. Christopher, Dominica and Antigua, and at Pointe-a-Petre, Guadeloupe, and of the prevalence of intense heat here, The chief of police and two constables on April 31 made the ascent of La Soufriere volcano. They report that they found the area of the lake diminished, and found boiling springs on the north side of the lake, and that steam was rising from all over the lake for the first time since the great eruptions of 1902. Steam was also exuding from a large crack in the lip of the crater and from numerous fissures inside the crater. The party was alarmed by a sudden disturbance which caused the water in the lake to change color to a dirty red. As the subterranean activity seemed to be increasing the party hastened away.

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