

RUSSIAN TRAP

Japanese Suffer Loss of 1500 Men.

ARE AMBUSHED IN PASS

Firing Continues and Slavs Are Unable to Collect Corpses.

THEIR LOSSES GIVEN AS SMALL

Japanese Are Also Said to Have Made Another Attack on Lone Tree Hill, and to Have Met With Heavy Repulse.

MUKDEN, Dec. 5.—There is a persistent rumor that the force of Japanese sent to turn General Rennenkampf's flank has been repulsed with great loss. The story is not yet officially confirmed, but details are given with great circumstantiality.

It is stated that General Rennenkampf, who knew the movement was maturing, awaited the Japanese at the mouth of one of the captured passes, and that the Japanese turning force threw themselves unsuspectingly into the ambush, where, after the fight, the Russians collected 500 Japanese corpses. It is added that there are 3000 more Japanese corpses which it has been impossible to collect owing to the fire of the Japanese. This does not include the Japanese loss in wounded. The Russian loss, according to this account, was only 20 or 40 men.

Attack on Lone Tree Hill.

The night of December 3 the Japanese began a heavy artillery fire on Poutloff (Lone Tree) Hill, firing the way for an infantry attack. The Russian artillery answered vigorously for several hours and then slackened. The Japanese, imagining the Russian fire had been silenced, flung themselves in masses against the trenches, where they were allowed to come within close range, and then were met with withering volleys and a counter charge with the bayonet. The Japanese fled, having sustained enormous losses.

A Cossack expedition which was sent, the night of December 2, to capture a Japanese battery on the Russian right flank, was only partly successful. The Cossacks wiped out the Japanese sentries, killed the gunners and got possession of the battery, but were unable to remove the guns, owing to the rapid arrival of Japanese reinforcements.

On December 3 Captain Glickson and Corporal Compazet crawled up close to the Japanese position, where they remained under a heavy fire all day making sketches of the whole position and returned in safety.

An attack by Japanese on Poutloff Hill on December 3 was probably due in part to a wish to distract attention from sapper operations on a neighboring hill near the village of Shakhe, but these operations were discovered and repulsed and the Japanese fled.

Skirmishes Continue.

Skirmishes continue. The night of November 20 Captain Alexandroff, with 20 men, routed a force of 50 Japanese by a surprise attack on the trenches. The same night volunteers under Lieutenant Videtska surrounded and wiped out a picket of 25 Japanese near Tougou. This led to a hand-to-hand fight in the Japanese underground trenches, where 20 more Japanese were bayoneted. The Russians lost severely in this fight, a number being caught in wire entanglements. Altogether ten Russians were killed and 14 wounded.

The night of December 2 there was another Russian attack on Japanese trenches, in which a number of trophies and rifles were secured, but at the cost of the life of Staff Captain Mankoffsk, one of the most daring of the Russian scouts, who was killed in hand-to-hand fighting.

MADE RUSSIA NO SUCH PLEDGE

France Does Not Expect Black Sea Fleet to Go Through Dardanelles.

PARIS, Dec. 5.—The reports that France has given adhesion to Russian overtures for a modification of the treaty of Paris so as to permit the Black Sea fleet to pass through the Dardanelles are officially denied. The authorities here say no such application has been made, and at present there is no indication of any modification of the treaty. The reports, it is added, originated through an apparent misunderstanding between the Russian Admiralty and the Russian Foreign Office. The former, disappointed by the naval spirit within the Black Sea fleet, to inform Admiral Rojestvensky's squadron. The Russian diplomatic branch of the government does not share this view, owing to the recognized restrictions of the treaty of Paris.

It is pointed out that the prohibition of the passage of the Dardanelles by warships of the powers is chiefly beneficial to Russia, as it gives her a preferential position in the Black Sea. If the treaty is modified so as to open the Dardanelles the straits thereafter will remain open for the entrance of foreign fleets into the Black Sea, thus threatening Russia's preferred position. Therefore the authorities here have reason to believe that the Russian diplomatic branch will not yield to the desires of the Black Sea fleet. It is recalled that the Admiralty brought the Anglo-Russian crisis by permitting volunteer fleet vessels to pass the Dardanelles without consulting the Russian foreign branch.

HOW HE FIRED ON OWN SHIPS

Russian Admiral Gives New Version of Dogger Bank Incident.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 5.—An official statement issued from naval headquarters gives Vice-Admiral Rojestvensky's latest account of the Dogger Bank affair, and explains how the British fleet fired on their own ships. The statement follows:

"According to supplementary information from Vice-Admiral Rojestvensky concerning the North Sea incident of October 21, after the Kriegsmarine ceased firing two searchlights of the Dmitri Donskoi and Aurora suddenly appeared on the left

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"Communications by wireless stated that five projectiles struck the Aurora, some ricocheting and others hitting direct. There were 75-millimeter and 45-millimeter shells. The captain of the Aurora was seriously injured and a petty officer was slightly wounded. The captain subsequently succumbed at Tangier.

The foregoing statement is the first official confirmation of the fact, previously published in these dispatches, that during the North Sea affair five shells came aboard the cruiser Aurora, injuring a priest, who subsequently died at Algiers.

NEUTRALS CAUSE ILL FEELING

Japanese Demand Nation Require They Assist Russia Less.

TOKIO, Dec. 5.—Popular sentiment regarding the question of the assistance which neutral powers are giving to the vessels of the Russian second Pacific squadron, which heretofore has been repressed, is now growing more acute, and prominent newspapers are voicing a demand for determined action by the Japanese Government.

Apparently much will depend on the course of events when the Russian warships arrive in Oriental waters. If the squadron shall have been permitted to exceed a fair construction of neutrality, it is probable that Japan will consider herself under no obligation to observe neutrality, and may send her fleet after the Russians into ports the neutrality of which she believes the Russians are violating.

If the Russians seize a base in neutral territory, Japan will probably do likewise, should urgency demand such action.

Japan is keenly anxious to avoid complications, but she will forcefully insist upon what she considers her rights. Preparations for meeting the Russian warships are proceeding on a most extensive scale.

MAY SHUT FLEET OFF.

Britain, However, Is Likely to Allow Coal to Go to Vladivostok.

LONDON, Dec. 5.—The insurance correspondent of the Times says in today's issue:

"It may be assumed from the case of the German steamer at Cardiff that the British government intends to stop all direct exports of coal to the Russian fleet, but the British law in this, as in many other cases, strains at a gnat and swallows a camel. The direct exports of steam coal to the Russian fleet are trifling in comparison with exports of similar coal to Vladivostok, which merely come under the head of conditionally contraband trade. Yet the coal for Vladivostok is surely intended for the Russian fleet at those cargoes carried direct to the vessels."

RUSSIAN SHIPS ARE BURNED.

Japanese Are Making Good Progress at Port Arthur.

TOKIO, Dec. 6 (10 A. M.)—It is reported that the Japanese bombardment against the fleet at Port Arthur is proceeding to the satisfaction of the attacking forces. On the evening of December 4 two or three Russian ships were fired and burned in a half hour. Their names and the extent of the damage is not known. It is generally believed that the Russian fleet must either make an early sortie or suffer irreparable damage.

HEAVY FIRING AT PORT ARTHUR

Japanese Are Determined to Capture Northern Forts.

LONDON, Dec. 6.—A dispatch from Chefoo on December 5, to the Daily Telegraph says:

"Heavy firing continues at Port Arthur today. The Japanese are making most determined and persistent efforts to capture the northern forts."

TO PUNISH RUSSIAN AGENTS.

Warrants Issued for Men Who Took Yacht From Britain.

LONDON, Dec. 6.—The Daily Mail learns that private application was made yesterday, it is believed at the Bow Street Court, for the arrest of Burke Roche and the captain who navigated the turbine yacht Caroline to Lban, and a third person, presumably "Mr. Sunnet."

Not Likely to Hinder Russian Ships.

CARDIFF, Dec. 5.—The authorities have taken no further action regarding German colliers taking on coal here. The German consul has referred the matter to his embassy at London, and Ambassador Metternich is now awaiting instructions from the Berlin government. In the meantime, the collier Captain E. Messel remains here. Some other German colliers, after supplying vessels of the Russian second Pacific squadron with coal, are now returning to Cardiff; but even should the government interfere to prevent their reloading, it is not likely that they will attempt to hinder the progress of the Russian squadrons, because it is known that Russia already has accumulated vast stores of Welsh coal at various points, which will be drawn upon.

Says Fleet Will Pass Dardanelles.

LONDON, Dec. 6.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Daily Mail sends an interview with Admiral Kaznakoff, who states that the Russian Black Sea fleet will pass the Dardanelles. The Admiral points out that strong reasons exist for the belief that the British government will do nothing in the matter.

Russians Ordered to Frontier.

LONDON, Dec. 5.—The Standard asserts

that an entire Russian army division, which has been stationed in the Caucasus, has been ordered to the Afghan frontier.

NEARS THE END.

(Continued from First Page.)

Judge O'Day, in opening his statement, "I am going to ask the charity of the court and the patience of the jury. I have reached that time in life when I am supposed to be at the meridian, and have so conducted myself that I have been able to look every man in the face. I have been reasonably active in the practice of my law, and with one or two exceptions every man with whom I have had to do has been my friend. I try not to lie, either to the court or to the jury. I never tried to be guilty of subornation of perjury, and I make this in explanation of certain statements made here which have touched me to the quick.

The speaker then followed the tendency of the present time and showed that it had come to such a crisis that perjury was considered necessary by great corporations and was practiced by them, that bribery was a common thing and that no notice was paid to it when done by those powerful in riches. Judge O'Day paid particular attention to Mr. Heney in his remarks, and to Mr. Hall, and his whole speech was interperated with allusions to Mr. Heney's resignation and the honest look of Mr. Hall.

"It is said," remarked the Judge, "that speech is silver, but when you listen to the closing argument of the Government and hear the speech of my learned and classical friend, Mr. Heney, speech will be golden, at \$10,000 a speech."

Public Lands Are Gone.

"John Hall," continued the speaker again, "looking through his beautiful eyes, tells us that the Government is the trustee of the public lands. There are no public lands. They are gone. What have we to offer to the homesteader from the East other than a barren stretch of rock on the tops of our mountain ranges? There are no public lands since the great railroads have secured the public lands of the selection acts of 1851. They are gone."

Against J. A. Heldecke, the witness who confessed his part in the conspiracy, Judge O'Day was most bitter.

"And Heldecke," he said, "if that man had lived in Great Britain when they sent convicts to Australia, he would never have been sent there, for he is so corrupt that he would have impregnated the ground and they would have been raising liars there yet. If I was to sleep in the same hotel with that man, and he was on the top floor and I was in the basement, I would be afraid that I would contract moral leprosy from him through the night."

"There is one thing," said the Judge in closing his remarks, "but mostly the shades worn tend to soft pallors, lavender, and pink, and creamy white. A group of girlish shapes in these hues, seen newly lighted at a doorway from a passing carriage, gave as they passed

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"Under correction of those country-women of ours who will not allow that the English women know how to dress, I will venture to say that their expression of sentiment in dress is charming, but how charmingly it compares to the prudice of the defendants and for that purpose alone."

The speaker then picked a Bible from the table and read the story of the Pharisees and the woman who had sinned. "Let," he said, "the one among us who has not sinned cast the first stone."

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