

CREWS FACE DEATH

Japanese Attack on Sevastopol Made During Storm.

FLOTILLAS ARE SEPARATED

One Torpedo-Boat Has Not Returned, and There is Anxiety for Crew and Boat—Battleship is Lowering Astern.

TOKIO, Dec. 15.—The partially successful torpedo attack on the Sevastopol was made in the face of almost insurmountable obstacles and was another instance of the splendid bravery of a number of officers.

The entire crews of the torpedo-boat destroyers and torpedo-boats volunteer for the task, courting death in their efforts to destroy the only floating Russian battleship at Port Arthur. Facing a driving storm and heavy seas, the flotilla separated, and under individual commanders, the vessels attacked independently.

The Russian retreated to the most extreme precautions to protect the Sevastopol. They dropped torpedo nets which shielded the harbor of the battleship, and the Sevastopol was further protected by a specially constructed wooden boom.

The Japanese probably refrained from attempting to cut or jump the boom, a plan demonstrated by the British, but the torpedo-boats and destroyers evidently forced the openings which the Russians had left so as to allow communication with the harbor.

The commander of the Japanese third squadron reported at 10:35 o'clock yesterday morning as follows: "Commencing at 11 o'clock Tuesday night and continuing until 3 o'clock Wednesday morning, six torpedo-boats and specially fitted torpedo craft, constantly attempted attacks against the Russian battleship Sevastopol, the coast defense vessel Orskani, and the military transports.

"Details of the attack are not yet known. However, according to reports received at water tower guardship at 9 o'clock this morning, the Sevastopol had commenced lowering astern, and the water was said to reach the torpedo tubes astern.

The same commander, telegraphing last midnight, says: "At 2:20 o'clock on the morning of December 14 (Wednesday), Commander Okaki, leading a flotilla of torpedo-boats, and Lieutenant Miyamoto, leading another flotilla, began attacks against the Sevastopol and the transports.

Okaki's flotilla failed to accomplish its purpose owing to a severe storm. Miyamoto's flotilla succeeded in reaching the intended target, and in the progress of the fact that the enemy's searchlights were exposing Okaki's flotilla and were not directed against Miyamoto's. In the thick of the storm, Miyamoto's flotilla was searching for the enemy's ships, one torpedo-boat became lost from its commander's side.

At 4 o'clock Lieutenant Nakamura's torpedo-boat independently attacked a military transport. Another torpedo-boat, under Miyamoto, discharged an explosive torpedo against the Sevastopol. Both attacks failed, but failed to meet the missing torpedo-boat.

Lieutenant Nagata, commanding the boat, has not returned, and there is anxiety for the safety of the crew. Today the water tower guardship reports that the seven of the Sevastopol appears to have been lowered three feet. At 3 P. M. the Sevastopol was still about.

SLAIN BY DRUNKEN RUSSIAN.

Chinaman is Singled Out by Sailor Rushing Through Shanghai.

SHANGHAI, Dec. 15.—The disorders created by the sailors of the dismantled Russian vessels Astold and Gribovich reached their climax yesterday when one of the crew of the Astold murdered a Chinaman without the slightest provocation.

The Russian was apparently intoxicated, and rushed through the streets of the Chinese settlement with a loaded revolver in his hand. He fired several shots at passers-by, but failed to do any damage. Then he made for a Chinaman who was standing in front of his store, and striking him by the throat, emptied the remaining chambers of the pistol into his victim's body.

A petition has been presented to the authorities for requesting that the Russian crew be excluded from the Chinese establishments, where they have been making life unbearable to the residents and creating a disturbance. The petition will be submitted to the Foreign Consul, as not a day has passed during the past month or so without some disturbance being made against the Russians. So far as can be learned, the Chinese officials have kept the matter secret, but this latest exploit could not be kept from the knowledge of the people in general, and united action is likely to be taken against the Russian sailors.

RUSSIA TERMS IT SWINDLE.

Advertiser Gave Out Report She Has Secret Advice Regarding Affair.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 15.—Much disgust was manifested over the manner in which a notorious Russian advertiser has swindled several newspapers abroad by fictitious stories of Russia having received secret information about the North Sea incident. The authorities here are in no wise responsible for these reports, and express confidence in the testimony which will be submitted to the International Commission in Paris.

The Russ supports Captain Chato's demand for a court-martial, declaring that he is one of the Russian witnesses, he should go to Paris completely rehabilitated.

The Gazette declares that Japan is successful in this war she will colonize Manchuria and maintain a standing army there as a buffer against Russia, and that if she fails she surely will head on springing in China. This paper, therefore, states the pro-Japanese in the United States and elsewhere, who are interested in commerce with China to consider well the effect of either alternative.

GREAT HEROISM AND DEVOTION

Wounded Russians in Trenches With DIED FOR DAYS BEING ESCAPED.

MUKDEN, Dec. 15.—(Delayed)—An interesting army order has been issued, calling attention to the exceptional heroism and devotion of the Russian soldiers. The order mentions that many of the wounded men, who with a dozen other wounded men, lay for four days in abandoned trenches between the Russian and Japanese lines, suffering from the bitter cold and the lack of food, Haraizumof, who was only slightly wounded, took care of the others and saved them from the dead.

IRISH ARE IN NEED

Parliamentary Party Asks Government for Relief.

SITUATION IN WEST ACUTE

Failure of Potato Crop Is Chief Cause of Distress—Meeting Demands Power Be Given for Distribution of Land to Poor.

DUBLIN, Dec. 15.—The meeting of the Irish Parliamentary party to discuss the distress in the west of Ireland, and consider means to "force the government to provide for the immediate necessities and put the land act in operation in the Connaught and other poor districts," was held today under the presidency of John Redmond. A resolution was passed condemning the government for the existing distress in Ireland, demanding that immediate steps be taken to relieve it, and also demanding that powers be given for the distribution of land in the poor districts.

The local government board, however, is possible to reconstruct that which has been overthrown. It fills me with joy to see that unity. I am trusting that you will never forget the serious warning contained in the words "Divide et impera," (divide and rule) and see to it that the phrase can never be applicable to the African nation. Then our nationality will remain and flourish.

"What I myself shall like to see thereof remains in God's hand. I was born under the British flag, but it is not my wish to do under it. I have to learn to abide with the British flag, and I do so with my eyes in a strange land of exile, almost entirely alone, far from my relations and friends, whom probably I shall never see again, far from African soil, which probably I shall never see again, far from the land which I devoted my life to open it for civilization, where I also saw the development of my nation.

"That letter," said Harold Rylett, of the South African Press Bureau, today, "will have all the effect that would have attached to the same words spoken by the living Kruger. It will render it impossible for the South African and wherever Afrikaners' eyes may meet it. It reveals that old ideal unimpaired and will contribute powerfully to the strength and unity of the Afrikaner nation. It adds one further touch to the glory and tragic history of the Boer cause.

Elks Hold a Jinks. Such persons as were anywhere on Morrison street about 9 o'clock last evening must have thought that all the 20-cent vaudeville houses were making a composite parade of their comic tramp troupes, but it was only about 20 Elks parading to their hall in the Marquam building, where they were taking a little recreation. They were mild, decent, and clean-cut, and their making them only a little more conspicuous than a circus parade, but once between four walls they let loose.

There were doctors, lawyers, merchants, teachers, and all sorts of people, and a County Jail kangaroo court, gathering money for some charitable purpose. All dug into their pockets, and paid in their financial clothes, handkerchiefs, and drinking and the merriment went on till midnight.

Nothing was done yesterday regarding the destitute Johnson family, found by Sergeant Rosenbaum at 42 Water street. They are still in great need of aid. It was suggested that Chief Hunt assign Detective Hawley, of the Boys & Girls' Aid society, to make a visit, as there are five children, but he was not sent.

Case of Burton Continued. ST. LOUIS, Dec. 15.—The case against United States Senator Ralph Burton, of Kansas, pending in the United States Court of Appeals, was today continued to the May term to await the decision of the United States Supreme Court on a similar appeal.

Parliament Again in Uproar. BUDAPEST, Dec. 15.—The parliamentary session has been short-lived. The session of the lower house of the Hungarian Parliament today witnessed a repetition of the turbulence that has marked most of the recent sittings. The members of the opposition emphatically declined to recognize the new rules of procedure and greeted Premier Tisza's attempts to speak with such a storm of abuse and other noisy interruptions that the sitting had to be suspended repeatedly.

Premier Tisza essayed to speak, but although prior to this session of the sitting he had been held for a hearing, he was finally forced to desist by the deafening din caused by an increasing chorus of "resign" from the leaders of the opposition.

The House was thronged, practically every Deputy being present, and the galleries were full of spectators. Count Andrássy opened the proceedings, declaring he considered the members of the opposition that he declined to recognize such an "archaeological outrage" as was accomplished by their adoption November 18, but he offered his best endeavors to secure a peaceful settlement of the critical situation.

Francis Kosuth and Count Apponyi similarly denounced the new rules as "violations of all Parliamentary usage," adding that "they might as well throw the whole constitution to the winds and recognize the new rules."

When Premier Tisza rose to reply the speaker broke out, Count Apponyi Francis Kosuth and others urged their fellow members to listen to the Premier, but their efforts had no effect. Deputies rushed around the floor in great disorder, amid shouts of "Obstruction must be driven out with whips." Yells of rage greeted the threat and continued until the vice-president suspended the sitting.

Shortly after the resumption, the sitting had to be again suspended owing to a renewal of the tumult. At a third attempt to continue business the government by a majority of 73 managed to carry a motion summoning Deputy Lenzal to appear before the committee on privileges for disorderly conduct in the House, but when Premier Tisza again rose to speak, he was once more howled down, the opposition informing the Premier that he would not be allowed to speak until the new rules were withdrawn.

Whistles and mouth-organs were requisitioned and added to the deafening din occasioned by the slamming of desks and the shouting of the Deputies, the whole opposition chanting in chorus "resign, resign."

Will Read Kruger's Words. Botha Will Make Feeling Letter Public at Grave of Boer Leader.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—At the grave of President Kruger in Pretoria tomorrow General Botha will speak at a public address, will spring a dramatic surprise by reading a letter from his old chief embodying his political testament and final message to the Afrikaners. In a special issue of the South African Bulletin, the organ of the South African Press Bureau, the letter will also appear tomorrow. It is addressed to General Kruger in reply to the greeting sent President Kruger by the great Boer congress held in Pretoria last May.

"In the midst of all the sadness and suffering which is my portion," wrote the President, "your cablegram fills me with gratitude. With my whole heart, I greet you and bid you to devote your present and future, thought of my old state President, and thus have shown that they have not forgotten the past; for you wish to create a future must not be lost sight of the past. Therefore, seek in the past that will be good and beautiful therein; shape your ideal accordingly, and try for the future to be better than the past."

"It is true that much of what was built up is now annihilated, destroyed and fallen; but with unity of mind and strength, it is possible to reconstruct that which has been overthrown. It fills me with joy to see that unity. I am trusting that you will never forget the serious warning contained in the words "Divide et impera," (divide and rule) and see to it that the phrase can never be applicable to the African nation. Then our nationality will remain and flourish.

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Government Will Assist. LONDON, Dec. 15.—Sir A. P. McDonnell, Under-Secretary for Ireland, in a letter to the House of Commons on the subject of the existing distress there, said the government will make a grant for the public funds for the purchase of the land in the west of Ireland.

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AN EXPERT AT WORK

Madison Welch Has Inspected Morrison Bridge.

HIRED BY SECRET PARTIES

He Reports to His Unknown Employers That He Found No Defects of Construction—Official Expert is Engaged.

While the official investigation of the big Morrison-street bridge has not yet begun, according to the members of the Council committee, it is known that another investigation has been in progress. Madison Welch, a well-known engineer and a member of the Massachusetts delegation to the Legislature, was employed by parties whose names are not given, to look over the bridge.

The report of this engineer has been submitted to those who engaged him. While its details are kept secret, it is reported that he found no sensational defects of construction.

This investigation is supposedly entirely independent from the official action of the Council committee. Members of the committee did not deny the report published yesterday, that Charles S. Ehler was to be brought from Tacoma to expert the Morrison-street bridge. It was reported yesterday that Mr. Welch had been engaged by the committee, but this is officially denied.

Practically all the plans and specifications are now in the hands of the members of the bridge investigation committee. The structures in question are the South Front-street bridge, the South First-street, the South Front-street and the Balch-Gulech bridge.

Meanwhile the rumors concerning the bridge continue to fly. Following is a report which responsible men declare they believe to be true:

On July 8 of this year the Pacific Construction Company, of Everett, Wash., contracted with the city to build the South Front-street bridge for \$52,121. Soon after this J. J. Maney, the manager of the Everett company, was approached by an unnamed man, who offered him \$2000 if he would withdraw the bid of his company and cancel the contract. The Executive Board would then refund the certified check for \$2000 which, as 10 per cent of the bid, must accompany all such offers. Maney concluded that he would make as much in this way as by building the bridge, and he agreed to the proposal.

The Pacific Construction Company, of San Francisco, the builders of the Morrison-street bridge, is an entirely separate concern from the Everett company. Its bid, \$58,115, was the second lowest of the eight opened by the Executive Board.

City Attorney McNary was asked by the Executive Board if a contract could be canceled in the manner proposed by the Everett company. He found no legal objections. The contract was accordingly relet to the San Francisco company.

It is understood that a transaction the city lost \$5124 by paying more than was necessary for the bridge. It could also have kept the \$2000 put up as security that the contract would be carried out.

Daring Highwayman is Arrested. CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—John Orme, daring highwayman, known as the "Tall Man" in the combination which terrorized Chicago in 1898, is under arrest. He was taken by the police today from the two men who entered the Peoria National Bank at Peoria, Ill., and at the point of a revolver forced the teller to give them currency amounting to \$200. Both men were captured the following day at Toulon, Ill.

Postmaster for Auburn. OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 15.—Representative Humphrey today recommended the appointment of C. N. Erickson as Postmaster at Auburn, Wash.

At the request of Representative Jones, the First National Bank of North Yakima was today designated a Government depository.

Washington Bills Passed. OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 15.—The Senate today passed three of Senator Foster's bills, as follows: Appropriating \$2,500 for Improving Rader National Park; \$2000 for an additional building at the New Dungeness light station, and \$6000 additional for a battery at Point Light station, Tacoma harbor.

Duchess of Aosta Is Improving. NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—The Duchess of Aosta, who has been dangerously ill, has been allowed to see intimate friends, and seemed more cheerful after their visit, cables the Herald's Milan correspondent. When the convalescence period is reached, the patient will be taken to Egypt.

Constellation Is Re-commissioned. NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—The frigate Constitution, the oldest ship in the American Navy, after having been thoroughly overhauled, was re-commissioned today at the navy-yard in Brooklyn. She will be used as a receiving ship at Newport.

Steamer Reported Ashore. GERMANY, Dec. 15.—Captain Hansen of the German steamer Tainna, reports that on December 14 he saw a Japanese cruiser apparently ashore in Yanching Bay, 15 miles south of the Shandong peninsula, and that a large merchantman was seen nearby.

The Okean was last reported at Tangier, Morocco, which place she left December 12, and according to the dispatches from Tangier, was proceeding eastward, which would have taken her through the Straits of Gibraltar. It is to be presumed that the Okean sustained some damage and is now returning to Cronstadt.

Coaling for Baltic Fleet. Steamers Will Go to Extreme Northeast Coast of Madagascar. SPECIAL CABLE. LONDON, Dec. 15.—The insurance correspondence of the London Times says: "For several years past a large number of steamers have been engaged in taking coal on Russian accounts to Diego Suarez, on the extreme northeast coast of Madagascar. There is every reason to believe that this place will be the point of concentration for the divisions of the Russian Baltic fleet which is on the way by the Cape route and the Suez Canal."

Conservative Reforms for Russia. ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 15.—A special session was held this afternoon at Tsarskoye-Selo under Emperor Nicholas, at which President of the Ministerial Council Witte, Minister of the Interior Svobodin, and Minister of Justice Milyutin discussed the question of reform. It is understood that the Emperor advised them of the main lines of a manifesto which will be published on December 19 on the occasion of his Majesty's name day. This document, it is believed, outlines a policy of cautious conservative reforms.

Kaibaras Given Hearty Reception. HARRIN, Manchuria, Dec. 15.—General Kaibaras, commander of the Third army, met with a hearty reception on his arrival here today.

Vessels Sail From Jibuti. JIBUTI, French Somaliland, Dec. 15.—The vessels of the Russian second Pacific squadron, which had been calling here, sailed last night.

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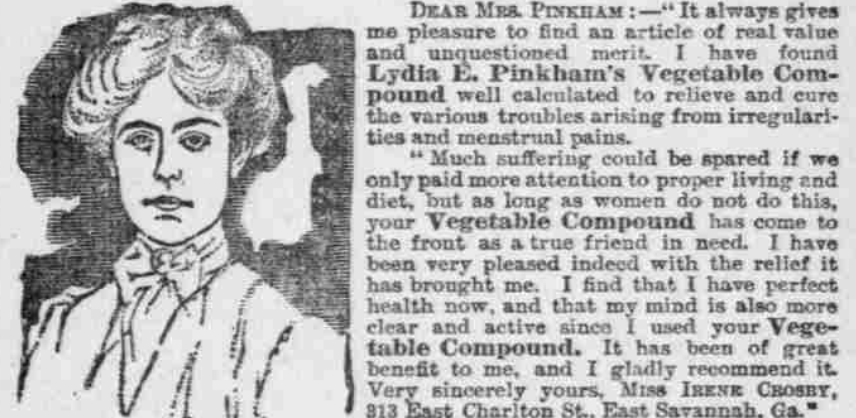
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