

JAPANESE CABLE CUT BY THEIR FOES

Communication Is Severed Between Foochow and the Landing in Formosa.

DONE BY RUSSIAN AGENTS

Effort Made to Prevent the Movements of the Czar's War Vessels From Being Disclosed to Their Hurt.

LONDON, April 18.—The Mail's Singapore correspondent cables that he has on good authority that Russian agents, who are probably in French employ, have cut the cable from Foochow to Tamsui, in Formosa. Their purpose, if the cable is really cut, is to prevent Japanese agents who are watching the Russian squadron from cabling its direction to the Japanese warships.

COALING INSIDE THE HARBOR

Part of Baltic Fleet Seen by French Steamer Saturday.

LONDON, April 18.—The latest news from the Far East shows certainly that a portion of the Russian Second Pacific Squadron was still coaling at Kamranh Bay Saturday morning, April 18. This news was brought to Singapore by the British steamer Sul Sang and to Hong Kong by the French steamer Phu Yen. The former merely reported passing the Russian ships at 11 o'clock in the morning.

The Phu Yen's officers saw 20 vessels coaling in the bay, and it is suspected that the remainder of the fleet was inside the harbor.

According to the Daily Mail's correspondent at Singapore, the Sul Sang, which was not molested by the Russians, sighted a big French warship two hours later, 14 miles to the southward, evidently proceeding to Kamranh Bay.

The pleasant character of the news excludes the possibility of any accurate estimate of the movements of Vice-Admiral Rojstvensky's squadron, but it would seem to show that the Vice-Admiral has divided his forces, a portion of which went northward before Saturday. What has happened since then it is impossible to say, and there is no clear evidence even that the Russians have been within the three-mile limit, which would bring them, according to international regulations, into infringement of French neutrality. The fact that they were visible to passing ships would appear to show that they were outside the limit.

Japanese sentiment, however, is greatly disturbed. The correspondent at Tokio of the Daily Telegraph says he has no hesitation in declaring that should occasion arise and her preliminary protests be ignored, Japan will regard any anchorage occupied by the Russian fleet as its naval base and deal with the situation accordingly. A dispatch from Saigon states that a quantity of goods purchased there has been delivered to a portion of the Russian fleet off the coast of Indo-China.

It is impossible to locate Sampaloc Point, off which, according to the Manila correspondent of the Daily Mail, 16 Japanese cruisers and other craft were scouting on Tuesday morning; but the Daily Mail thinks the Japanese fleet was maneuvering to prevent the Russians from entering the Pacific between the Philippine Islands and Formosa.

NEUTRALITY IN PHILIPPINES

Admiral Train Is Having the Waters Well Patrolled.

SPECIAL CABLE. MANILA, April 18.—Admiral Train, determined to maintain the neutrality of the Philippine waters, will immediately dispatch additional vessels to patrol the Basilian Straits, as a result of the reports that both Russian and Japanese vessels have been sighted there. Saturday the United States gunboat Quilros was sent to inspect six Russian cruisers which are reported to be lying in the Gulf of Lingayen. A gunboat is also scouting for Japanese vessels.

A report has reached here that 16 Japanese cruisers have been sighted off Sampaloc Point. The cruisers are said to be scouting in force for stray scouts, ships and columns of the Russian fleet.

RAID OF JAPANESE TOWNS

Russian Admiral Said to Have Detached Three Past Vessels.

SPECIAL CABLE. HAMBURG, April 18.—It is reported here that Admiral Rojstvensky has detached three of his fast auxiliaries, with orders to harass Japanese shipping and to raid the unprotected sea towns of Japan. By this move he hopes to compel Admiral Togo to weaken his fleet in order to protect Japanese shipping.

Three War Vessels Sighted.

MANILA, April 18.—Three war vessels were sighted off Batangas at 4 o'clock this morning. Their nationality is unknown.

FRENCH TONE IS CONFIDENT

Belligerents Are Allowed Harborage When Not Actively Engaged.

PARIS, April 18.—(3:38 P. M.)—The French government has taken every precaution to secure the observance of neutrality in French waters in Indo-China. To this end, instructions have been sent to M. Beau, Governor-General of Indo-China, again calling the attention to the regulations concerning the observance of neutrality issued at the outset of the war. These are identical with the neutrality rules in force during the Spanish-American War.

It is believed Admiral De Jonquieres, commander of the French naval forces at Saigon, in proceeding to Kamranh Bay, where part of the Russian second Pacific Squadron has been seen, is following the Governor-General's instructions. The latter were not the result of the report

that Japan contemplated making representations on the subject, as no such action has thus far been ordered, and France has from the outset acted voluntarily in seeking to maintain the neutrality of her waters. This, however, is difficult at remote points.

Nevertheless, the instructions sent to M. Beau contemplate the full observance of neutrality. It is probable that this has been known to the Russian naval commander. However, it is impossible for France to anticipate or control the movement of the Russian squadron, and she can only direct the Governor-General to enforce the regular rules of neutrality. The officials here have not information concerning the length of circumstances of the stay of the Russian vessels at Kamranh Bay and, therefore, they are unable to determine whether the ships are actually within the territorial limits of French waters.

But in any event a temporary stop at such a point is not considered equivalent to using the locality as a naval base, but rather as being in the nature of an exigency incident to the voyage. Concerning the statement from Tokio yesterday that the international status of the waters of Kamranh Bay might determine the question of Admiral Togo's attacking the Russians there, the official view prevails here that there are no international obstacles to prevent the Japanese adopting such tactics as their naval situation requires.

The semi-official Temps this evening publishes a statement which bears evidence of authority, saying: "While international practice upon land is well defined, that upon the water is not so exact, differing with different nations. Great Britain and some other countries limit the stay of a belligerent in their ports to 24 hours, but France has never fixed a limit for the stay of belligerents in French ports and contents herself with interdicting the use of her ports in preparations for acts of war. The Ministry of Marine instruction issued February 4, 1904, reads: 'The duration of the stay of belligerents in French ports when not accompanied by prizes has not been limited by any special provision.'"

Consequently a strict construction of the regulations would permit Admiral Rojstvensky's squadron to remain in our ports longer than 24 hours, so long as they do not engage in any act of war. The Japanese do not seem to complain of the stay of the Russian squadrons in our ports, but of their stay in our territorial waters. Thus Tokio appears to adopt the theory of interdicting the use of her ports in preparations for acts of war. The Ministry of Marine instruction issued February 4, 1904, reads: 'The duration of the stay of belligerents in French ports when not accompanied by prizes has not been limited by any special provision.'"

Temp's proceeds to show that territorial waters mean, under the French law of March 2, 1888, three miles from low water mark. "It is established," continues the Temps, "that Admiral Rojstvensky did not enter this limit, while Madagascar and nothing warrants the supposition that he had been less careful in the waters of Indo-China. Therefore, the Tokio dispatches go too far in declaring that France permits Russian employ her ports for offensive operations. There is no proof supporting any such assertion of the violation of French neutrality." The Temps adds: "The Japanese government, which has not had any reason thus far to doubt our desire scrupulously to fulfill our duty as neutrals, will not fall now to show moderation in his claims. Similar controversies arise in all wars and are not very serious."

TALKS IN MODERATE TONE

Baron Suymatsu Believes French Will Act Correctly.

LONDON, April 18.—The diplomats and others in London regard the news of breaches of neutrality by France in allowing the Russian second Pacific Squadron to remain on time on the Cochinchina coast as the most serious developments in the situation. Minister Hayashi and Baron Suymatsu, ex-Japanese Minister of the Interior, who have been in London since the outbreak of the war, are reported to have expressed their opinion on the subject, and they were disinclined to give a hasty expression of opinion or to anticipate official advice giving the facts of the period the Russian ships may stay in French waters. Minister Hayashi was particularly reticent, and said he preferred to await confirmation of the reports which have appeared to indicate a serious breach of neutrality.

Baron Suymatsu, who took a view that was very far from being alarmist, said that if the reports were true, Japan would have good cause to complain. Japan, however, had no intention of seeking a quarrel with France, and added: "Japan is far from coveting Cochinchina. I do not think that France is encouraging the Russian squadron to misuse French friendship. On the contrary, I believe that France is really anxious to avoid trouble on account of the Pacific Squadron. In fact, I think responsible Frenchmen regard the squadron as an unwelcome guest, and, therefore, I am fully convinced that France will manage the matter in such a way as to avoid being compromised."

WILL USE HIS TORPEDO FLEET

Togo Will Not Risk His Big Vessels Against the Russians.

LONDON, April 18.—Baron Hayashi, the Japanese Minister to Great Britain, expressed the opinion to the Associated Press today that Admiral Togo would not give battle to Admiral Rojstvensky with his entire squadron, but would continue the cautious tactics which has characterized his attacks on the Port Arthur squadron, not because he feared defeat, but owing to his desire to inflict the greatest amount of damage on the Russians with the least possible loss to himself.

While confident of his ability to accomplish the total destruction of the Russian squadron in a big battle, there is danger of Togo losing one or two of his big ships. Therefore, Baron Hayashi believes, Togo will employ his torpedo-boat and torpedo-destroyer squadrons, which number more than 100 and are vastly superior to the Russian torpedo-boat flotilla in harassing the Russian warships.

He said the coast of Japan, Corea and Formosa lend themselves to night work with torpedo-boats, while the narrow channels will make the maneuvering of large war ships difficult and dangerous.

Japanese Cruisers Sighted.

LONDON, April 18.—The Daily Mail's correspondent at Singapore learns that Russian agents have cut the cable between Foochow and Formosa. A dispatch to the Daily Mail dated Manila, April 18, says: "This morning 15 Japanese cruisers and torpedo-boat destroyers were scouting off Sampaloc Point."

Mines Blow Up Junk.

LONDON, April 18.—A dispatch from Shanghai to the Morning Post says: "Two junks have been blown up by mines south of Shanghai. The explosion caused great apprehension for the safety of European mail steamers."

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striking students, have been arrested and sentenced to a month's imprisonment. No Idea of Giving Up. ST. PETERSBURG, April 18.—A flood of light has been thrown upon bureaucratic methods by the Kamranh in which the committee of the Far East, under Admiral Alexieff, oblivious of what happened last year, is proceeding steadily with the work of organizing the administration of Manchuria and the Kwantung Peninsula.

TRIAL OF ASSASSIN

Kalieff, Slayer of Sergius, Is Condemned to Die.

PRISONER GLORIES IN DEED

Says He Would Do It Over Again if Ordered to Do So by the Revolutionary Committee Governing Him.

MOSCOW, April 18.—Kalieff, the assassin of Grand Duke Sergius, was tried today. He was condemned to death. The public was not admitted to the trial. The prisoner refused to plead, declaring he was not in the position of a criminal before judges, but was a prisoner taken in a civil war.

The only persons present throughout the trial were members of the entourage of the late Grand Duke Sergius, and counsel, of whom two were assigned to Kalieff. The prisoner's mother was not admitted, but remained in the corridor. Senator Deter presided. Senator Shlegelovitch, Procurator-General of the Department of Cassation, was the prosecutor. When Kalieff was arraigned he replied: "I am not a criminal, and you are not my judges. I am a prisoner of war, not a criminal."

Twelve witnesses were examined. Prior to the trial the defendant asked Kalieff if he would repeat the crime if he were given his liberty. He replied: "Without doubt I would repeat it if ordered by the revolutionary committee to which I am attached. When sentence of death was passed Kalieff shouted: 'Execute your judgment as openly as I have acted before the court. The date of execution has not been specified.'"

CAPTURE OF TERRORISTS.

Discredited Detective, Called Back, Lands Them All. ST. PETERSBURG, April 18.—Gradually many interesting reports are circulating regarding the capture of a band of about a dozen terrorists are leaking out. The capture, which is regarded by the authorities as accomplished by Kashovsky, the Russian Lecoq, who was dismissed from the secret police several years ago, owing to his connection with Philippe, the Spiritalist, who recently was in court, and who, too, went to Paris to live.

Governor-General Trepoff, on his appointment as Governor-General of St. Petersburg, indeed Kashovsky to return to St. Petersburg, and within two weeks the detectives captured the entire band which had been operating here under the direction of the central organization, which apartments in headquarters in Switzerland. Alfred Henry McCulloch, the man killed March 11 by the accidental explosion of a bomb at the Hotel Bristol, whose real name was Baumann, was one of the chiefs of the Terrorists, having been of the manufacture of bombs, and Kalieff, who killed Grand Duke Sergius, also belonged to the same group. After Baumann's death Kalieff's duties devolved upon Mile. Leontieff, daughter of General Leontieff, who recently was appointed Governor of Yakutsk, Eastern Siberia. Mile. Leontieff became a convert to Terrorism during her stay at Lucerne, Switzerland. Kalieff's identity was established through the discovery of a photograph belonging to Savinkoff, who has been his comrade with at the university and in exile. When Kalieff was charged with his identity he admitted it, saying: "Savinkoff has been arrested."

The police later thought they had captured Savinkoff and so announced publicly, but it turns out that the man held under that name was another, and that Savinkoff, to whom Kalieff evidently had confided his intention of killing Grand Duke Sergius, is safe abroad.

Among the others captured was Mme. Ikonovitska, a sister-in-law of Korolenko, the Russian writer. She was involved in the nihilist plot to assassinate Emperor Alexander II, for which she was sentenced to 15 years in Siberia, but at the end of seven years she escaped to America.

Perhaps the most romantic feature is the fact that Mile. Leontieff converted two pieces of Governor-General Trepoff, Mile. Trepoff and Princess Denishber, to the doctrine of assassination, and that after the arrest of her mentor, Mile. Trepoff actually attempted the life of her uncle, firing two shots at him, both of which missed. Thereupon the two girls became panic-stricken and attempted suicide. Mile. Trepoff throwing herself under a train and Princess Denishber shooting herself. Neither of them succeeded in killing herself. The family has since tried to make it appear that the girl's acts were the result of a mutual pact for self-destruction, both being in love with the same man, an officer of the guards.

About 100 male and female students of the Conservatory of Music who have been connected with the agitation in favor of Rimsky Korsakoff, who was removed from his professorship in the conservatory because of his attitude toward the

Landowners Demand Zemsky Sobor.

SUKUM-KALE, Russia, April 18.—In spite of the efforts of the police to prevent it, the landowners of Kutais held a meeting here today and adopted a strongly worded resolution demanding the immediate convocation of a Zemsky Sobor, and indorsing the Liberal programme.

PROOF PUT ON THE CAPTAIN

Drastic Fishing Bill Before Newfoundland Legislature.

ST. JOHN'S, N. F., April 18.—The upper house of the Colonial Legislature has passed Premier Bond's bill excluding American fishermen from Newfoundland waters. The bill provides that American fishing vessels found within three miles of the coast of Newfoundland with bait, supplies or outfit purchased at any port on the coast, shall be seized and forfeited, together with their cargoes. The task of proving that the supplies were not purchased in Newfoundland is made to devolve upon the captain of the vessel. The bill was amended so as to permit the suspension of its operation at the discretion of the government.

The vote on the adoption of the measure was 13 to 2. Some members advocating a permanent law for example, Americans and the abandonment of all reciprocity negotiations with the United States. They argued in support of that plan that it would be more advantageous for Newfoundland's fishing interests. The Governor's assent to the bill is expected before the end of the week, permitting the enforcement of the new law.

Patrol in the South.

LEBUAN, British Borneo, April 18.—The United States torpedo-boats Chauncey and Barry left this port this morning to join the cruiser Raleigh in a patrol of the Southern Philippine Islands.

Fewer Old Men at Work.

TOPEKA, Kan., April 18.—Neutral Santa Fe shophmen say that there were 10 to 12 less of the old-time workmen at the

Actor Jefferson Is Lying in a Very Critical Condition.

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla., April 18.—(U. P. M.)—Joseph Jefferson's condition remains unchanged, except that he is gradually growing weaker. His trouble is a complication of diseases from which he suffered last summer. His physicians regard his condition as critical in the extreme, and it would not be surprising if he passes away at any moment, yet he may rally and live for days or even weeks.

May Flight Off Nagasaki.

PARIS, April 18.—The Russian naval attack here, Captain Yevanchine, in an interview, says he believes the strategic situation will lead Admiral Togo to await Admiral Rojstvensky off Nagasaki, Japan, where Togo will have a base to repair his damaged ships. This the Captain admits is important, owing to the Japanese not having repair vessels.

Quiros Goes to Investigate.

MANILA, April 18.—Two unknown steamers have anchored in Lingayen Bay, north of Manila Bay.

Await the Fourth Squadron.

LONDON, April 18.—The correspondent at Jibuti, off the Gulf of Aden, of the Daily Mail learns that some ships of the main Russian fleet joined the third

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Pacific squadron near Sokotra and thence proceeded for Diego Garcia, where they will await the fourth Pacific squadron.

shops when the whistle blew today than there were on Monday. A number of Greek laborers are at work today in the places of the helpers who went out with the striking boilermakers. The strikers are peaceable. The Santa Fee officials declare the strike is not handicapping them in the least, and it will be no trouble to secure new men when they want them.

Types of All Vessels. NEW YORK, April 18.—A maritime exposition at New York, two years hence, in celebration of the first steamboat, Robert Fulton's "Clairmont," which made the first trip to Albany, August 11, 1807, has been proposed to Mayor McClellan by the maritime affairs committee of the Board of Trade and Transportation. The committee proposes to assemble on the Hudson vessels of every type, from the most ancient craft to the modern liners and battleships. It is proposed to invite the governments of the world to send representatives from their navies to participate.

Admiralty Gets No Word. ST. PETERSBURG, April 18.—(6:20 P. M.)—No news from Admiral Rojstvensky was received by the Admiralty today.

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