

LOSS OF TOGO WITH FLAGSHIP

Russians Tell of Disaster to Enemy.

FLOATING MINE IS STRUCK

Two Versions of Rumored Fate of the Mikasa.

RUSSIAN FLEETS COMBINE

Must Coal Before Going Northward. Japan and France Renew Quarrel About Neutrality With Great Virulence.

SPECIAL CABLE.
PARIS, May 8.—(2:20 A. M.)—It was stated at the Russian Embassy last night that advice had been received there telling of the loss of Admiral Togo's flagship, the battleship Mikasa, five days ago in the China Sea. One version of the Japanese disaster is that the Mikasa struck a floating mine, another is that she ran ashore during a dense fog. No details are obtainable, neither is it possible to obtain confirmation, but the report has created a sensation. Should the news be true, it means loss of Japanese supremacy, Togo having been lost with his flagship.

TOGO'S PROBABLE PLAN TOLD Will Let Russians Get Farther North Before Attacking.

TOKIO, May 8.—Whatever information the Navy Department may have as to the positions of the Japanese or Russian fleets it keeps a profound secret, and inquiries addressed to the officials are politely turned aside or left unanswered. Persons who have followed the course of events, however, express belief that the Japanese fleet is still somewhere in the neighborhood of the Korean Straits and that Admiral Togo intends to let the Russians get a good way from the vicinity of French Cochinchina before attacking. This will prevent them from taking refuge in neutral waters and dismantling in case of a defeat.

Inasmuch as the coal-carrying capacity of Admiral Nebogatoff's squadron is extremely small, it is said that the Russian fleet will have to bring all of its coallers with it. Should this be the case, it seems certain that the Japanese destroyers will first attack them when the fleet is out in the open sea, as with his coal supply cut off, the Russian commander will be in a bad way.

BRITISH FLEET PREPARING Conference of Officers at Hongkong Discusses Possible Trouble.

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HONGKONG, May 8.—Much excitement has resulted here from the fact that all the shore leaves to British officers and men in the harbor have been suspended, and no reason for this action can be learned.

A secret conference was held at the office of the commandant of the navy-yard Monday night, at which there were present two British Admirals and the senior officers of all the vessels in the squadron. It is believed that a play of action in case of complications growing out of the strained relations between France and Japan might involve Great Britain, was discussed. None of those present at the conference would reveal his object.

Guards have been mounted about the naval property, and no person, unless he can show good cause, is permitted to enter.

JUNCTION OF FLEETS MADE

Nebogatoff Will Hug Chinese Coast and Coal Ships.

ST. PETERSBURG, May 8.—(1:18 A. M.)—According to the dispatches to the Admiralty, brought to Saigon by the hospital ship Kozlovsky, the junction of Nebogatoff and Nebogatoff is by this time an accomplished fact, but in view of the long voyage of Nebogatoff's division it is believed his ships will spend some time in sheltered waters of the Chinese Sea near the coast, but outside the three-mile limit. In order to complete final recouling and other preparations before setting out on the last stage of the voyage.

JAPANESE IN KOREAN CHANNEL

Fleet Will Await Russians, While Watching Vladivostok.

LONDON, May 8.—The correspondent at Singapore of the Daily Mail telegraphs: "A private letter from influential friends states that Vice-Admiral Togo's fleet is concentrating in the Korean channel and that a portion of the Japanese navy is watching Vladivostok."

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President Roosevelt's Notable Speech at Denver on Railroad Issue.

NEW YORK, May 8.—The President's speech at Denver on the railroad issue was completely revolutionized, and now the typical highway of commerce is of course the railroad. Compared to the ordinary road for wheeled vehicles and the waterway, whether natural or artificial, have lost all their importance. Here in Colorado, for instance, it is the railroad which of course are the only highways that you need take into account in dealing with the question of commerce in the state or outside of the state. Therefore, under this changed system we see highways of commerce growing up, each of which is controlled by a single corporation or individual, sometimes several of them being controlled in combination by corporations or by a few individuals. When such is the case, in my judgment it is absolutely essential that the Nation, for the sake cannot possibly do it, should assume a supervisory and regulatory function over the great corporations which practically control the highways of commerce.

Will Not Cure All Ills.

New fix clearly in your minds two facts at the outset. As with everything else, the railroad, you get that supervisory and regulatory power on behalf of the Nation, you will not have cured all the evils that existed and no more and to let the competition of any amiable but ill-regulated individual who thinks that you will have good will come good will be done, some instances will have been prevented, but you will be laying up for yourselves a different quantity of evils in the future, that is the first thing.

Do Justice to Railroads.

Now for the second, and even more important: When you give a nation more power, you must give it the responsibility of using it. From the giving of it unless you give it with the firm determination not only to do justice for yourselves, but to do justice to others, that you will be an exact justice from them, we cannot afford to give it in any other way. We must make up our minds that nothing but harm will come from any scheme to exercise such supervision as that I advocate over corporations, and especially over the common carriers, unless we have clearly fixed in our minds that the scheme is to be one of exact justice to all.

Everything known to the decorator's art was called into use to embellish the commodious banquet hall. Tricolor streamers and shields, interspersed with pictures of the President, framed in flags, almost hid the walls, and American Beauties on the tables added to the color scheme. Potted plants were liberally distributed throughout the hall. The menu was perfect. Throughout the service of the courses strangled, instruments blended in beautiful melody. The banquet began at 5 o'clock and continued until 11, when the President was escorted to his private car, Rocket, where he almost immediately retired to await his departure for Chicago at 7 o'clock in the morning.

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After discussing various questions of interest particularly to Colorado, the President took up the question of railroad-rate legislation, as follows: "I want to say a word as to the governmental policy in which I feel that this whole country ought to take a great interest, and which is itself but part of a general policy which I think our Government must go into. I speak of the policy of extending the powers of the Interstate Commerce Commission and of giving them particularly the power to fix rates and to have the rates that they fix go into effect practically at once. As I say, that represents in my mind part of what should be the general policy of this country, the policy of the Interstate Commerce Commission and of the National Government an increased regulatory power over corporations.

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This was perhaps the most sumptuous affair ever held in the state and the President was visibly pleased by the picture that unfolded itself to his eyes as he entered the banquet hall.

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Chicago Teamsters and Employers Each Make Recruits to Ranks.

GREAT CARAVANS SENT OUT

Retail Business Returns to Normal Conditions—Rioting Will Cause Three More Deaths—Commission's Difficulties.

CHICAGO, May 8.—Both employers and strikers claim gains today in the teamsters' strike. The employers declare that they have gained a decided advantage in the number of wagons and the amount of business transacted. The strikers' claim is based upon the fact that 50 drivers for the various furniture dealers in the city will strike tomorrow and also 150 painters employed by the Health & Milligan Company.

The strike of the furniture dealers' drivers was foreshadowed on Saturday, when at a convention of the Furniture Dealers' Association it was decided that the men must make deliveries irrespective of strike conditions. They today ordered their men to carry goods to the boycotted houses, and the strike tomorrow will be the result. The paint workers of Health & Milligan are the first members of any union not a member of the teamsters organization to go on strike in support of the teamsters. They have walked out because of delivery of goods by non-union teamsters.

The State-street department stores and large dry goods houses had nearly their entire complement of delivery wagons today and throughout the day transacted business on almost a normal basis. Fifteen hundred wagons manned by non-union men were operated from State street today and the number will be materially increased tomorrow. No more colored men are being hired, either by the State-street stores or by the Employers' Teaming Company, and as rapidly as possible those now at work are being supplanted by white men. At the office of the Employers' Teaming Company tonight it was announced that 125 white men had been imported during the day from Cincinnati and Kansas City, and 75 more had been secured in Chicago. Individual contracts were made with all of these men and they will be given permanent employment.

Three Men Fatally Injured.

The rioting today was of a sharper character than that of Saturday. Three men were fatally injured, one of whom died later, and a number of others badly hurt, although the number of wounded is not as a whole nearly so large as on some of the days of the middle of last week. The dead: ALBERT ENDERS, shot in the abdomen. Fatally hurt: John Fruen, stabbed. Richard Fruen, brother of John Fruen, stabbed. Five others were injured. The majority of the affrays occurred during the early part of the afternoon.

Civic Commission Hits Gaug.

The civic commission appointed by Mayor Dunne to investigate the strike commenced operations today. It did little but organize for future work, however, and the promise for the successful performance of its mission does not seem to be bright. It has no power to summon witnesses and must therefore rely on volunteer testimony. Tonight the members of the Employers' Association declared that they had received no official notice of the creation of the commission and would have no dealings with it until they had been properly notified of its existence. President Doid, of the Chicago Federation of Labor, declared for the labor men that none of them would appear before the commission and give any evidence whatever unless its sessions were open to the public and it investigated not only the causes of the present teamsters' strike but those leading up to the strike of the garment-workers of Montgomery Ward & Co. last January. It was in support of this strike, four months after its inception, that the teamsters went out in sympathy.

Labor Leaders Must Testify.

The efforts of the attorneys of the labor leaders to protect their clients from answering questions in connection with the federal injunction granted during the strike by Judge Kohlsaat proved unsuccessful. Judge Kohlsaat decided that, although a person can avail himself of the privilege of not answering incriminating questions, the defendants must appear before Master in Chancery Sherman tomorrow morning and be sworn as witnesses. If the occasion arose where they did not desire to answer questions for fear of incrimination, they could take advantage of their rights and refuse. The privilege of refusing to answer questions was all that anyone could ask. There could be no possible objection to having the witnesses sworn.

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