

PREPARE FOR FIGHT

Hongkong Believes Fleets Will Meet Off Coast.

TOGO IS OFF PESCADORES

His Cruisers Stop Merchant Steamers and Are Massed Among Islands-Rojestvensky Must Fight Soon.

HONGKONG, May 12.—The authorities here anticipate that a sea fight will take place off this port in the near future and are making preparations to take care of such wounded as shall be brought here.

MUST FIGHT BEFORE JUNE

Rojestvensky Will Otherwise Have to Fight Typhoons.

TOKIO, May 12.—Japanese officials here declare that if a naval battle between the Russian and Japanese fleets is to be fought before the end of this month, it will be in support of this contention they argue that the typhoon season begins early in June, and that the Russian vessels are not in condition to withstand any very severe storms.

TOGO'S FLEET OFF PESCADORES

Seen by Steamer Which Was Held Up by Cruiser.

MANILA, May 12.—Confirmation of the report that Admiral Togo's fleet is massed off the Pescadores is brought by the steamer Doric, which was held up off those islands Wednesday by the converted cruiser Hittchins.

SHIPPING SHELLS FOR RUSSIA

Whole Cargo at Oakland on Way From Germany.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 12.—The Chronicle will say tomorrow that there is over \$1,000,000 worth of munitions of war, contact explosive shells, unloading, lying on the long wharf on the Oakland side of the bay.

JAPANESE TRANSPORT LOST

Blown Up by Mine, Explaining Story of Togo's Flagship.

CHEFOO, May 12.—A M. A. merchant vessel which has arrived here confirms the report that the Japanese transport Shuyutan, with 150 tons of provisions, bound for Niu Chwang, struck a mine May 4, near the Minotao Islands.

FIGHTING FOR THE PASSES

Russians Tell of Successful Contests at Front.

ST. PETERSBURG, May 12.—General Linvich in a dispatch from the front, dated May 11, reports a series of small engagements for the possession of a pass seven miles southwest of Chilmotse, on May 5 the Russians retired to Chilmotse, and on May 6 the fighting was resumed and lasted all day long.

SCOUTING TO FIND TOGO'S SHIPS

Purpose of Vladivostok Squadron's Sally to Sea.

ST. PETERSBURG, May 12.—The Admiralty declines to divulge any information which it has about the movements of the Vladivostok division, which is reported to be off the coast of Japan, but the impression prevails in naval circles that, acting under the instructions of Vice-Admiral Rojostvensky they have passed through Tangari Straits into the Pacific on reconnaissance to ascertain if the passage is free of mines and feasible for Rojostvensky's squadron, and also to threaten Japanese commerce.

SHOWS GREAT TASK

He Sums Up Difficulties of Canal Construction.

CAN OVERCOME OBSTACLES

Head of Commission Puts Climate First and Labor Second Among His Troubles—Engineering Can Be Solved.

CHICAGO, May 12.—Theodore P. Shontz, president of the Panama Canal Commission, declared today that in the few weeks he had been at work on the affairs of the canal he had discovered that, while the immensity of the project is likely to stagger even an enthusiastic supporter of it, the obstacles presented are by no means insuperable.

STEAMER SUNK OFF PORT ARTHUR

TOKIO, May 12.—The British steamer Sobralense, bound from Nuchwang to Kobe, struck a mine off Port Arthur yesterday and sunk immediately.

FRENCH GUESS AT TOGO'S STRATEGY

PARIS, May 12.—French naval experts here believe that Admiral Togo does not plan to give battle to the Russian fleet at close quarters, but rather will hang about them and worry their officers with his faster vessels, which will try to maneuver them into positions where his destroyers and torpedo-boats will be available.

CROKER DIES ON TRAIN

(Continued from First Page.)

The two latter letters were not made public. At the racetrack Croker's manner was not such as to excite notice. Tod Sloan, the jockey, who rode for Richard Croker and who was well acquainted with Herbert's brother, was at the track all afternoon and he did not even hear that Croker was in town.

HAD BEEN AT "HOP JOINT"

The negro who put him on the train last night was Charles Woodson, a porter at the Coast Hotel. Woodson says that Croker arrived at the hotel about 5 o'clock last night, intoxicated. After checking a small valise at the hotel, Croker, the negro says, asked him where there was a "hop joint" in the neighborhood. Woodson says that he agreed to accompany Croker to such a resort. They went together to a Chinese resort on Sixth street, the yardstick and Delaware streets, where they remained for an hour. Woodson says that he then took Croker direct to the train.

SECOND DEATH IN FEW MONTHS

Croker Family Plunged in Grief by News From Kansas.

NEW YORK, May 12.—News of the sudden death of Herbert Croker, son of Richard Croker, was received in this city today from Newton, Kas., by his oldest brother, Richard, Jr., and his mother at their home. The greatest home tonight was plunged into deepest gloom.

WOODSON IS ARRESTED

KANSAS CITY, May 12.—Charles Woodson, the negro porter who accompanied Croker to the train, was arrested this morning (Saturday) and held for investigation.

DAILY CITY STATISTICS

Marriage Licenses. Thomas Stuart, 21; Nellie Stuart, 21. Adam Albert, 29; Carrie Blyers, 21. Mark Stark, 37; Nellie O'Rourke, 24. Victor Carlson, 22; Ida Henriksen, 21. Births. At 411 Front street, Portland, May 7, to the wife of Alexander O. Brown, a son.

STOLE \$100,000, THEN SHOT HIMSELF

COONTO, Wis., May 12.—Louis J. Rena, one of the best known men of Oconto, agent for the McClellan Company, has committed suicide by shooting in a barn near this city. A shortage of more than \$100,000 has been found in his accounts.

NORTHWESTERN PEOPLE IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, May 12.—(Special.)—The following persons from the Pacific Northwest registered in hotels here today: From Seattle—C. O. Hise, at the Astor; Mrs. J. Collins, B. Collins, at the Albemarle.

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Besides this, the revolutionists have issued proclamations telling Jews that a massacre is contemplated. Everything shows that the influence of the revolutionists, which is embarrassing the authorities in preventing encounters between the Jews and the Christians. The governors have been instructed to urge the better class of Jews to persuade their co-religionists by their conduct not to excite hatred on themselves.

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LYNCHED IN HURRY

Negro Suspected of Robbery Hanged in Illinois.

EXTORTED COIN BY THREAT

Without Waiting to Establish Identity, Mob at Cairo Hangs Tom Witherspoon After Bloodhounds Track Him.

CAIRO, Ill., May 12.—Tom Witherspoon, a negro, was taken from officers at Belmont, Mo., 15 miles below Cairo, at 8 o'clock this evening by a mob of several hundred persons and hanged in the public square to a large swing.

BRIEF TELEGRAPHIC NEWS

Former President Grover Cleveland has returned from a cruise in Southern waters on E. C. Benedict's steam yacht Omega.

REFUSE TO FIGHT RED CROSS GRATER

ST. PETERSBURG, May 12.—Baron Trenhausen and Count Masopust, according to the Slovo, have declined to accept the challenge of S. A. Alexandrovsky, former head of the Red Cross in the field, to fight duels, unless the last named disproves the charges brought against the administration of the Red Cross funds, which M. Alexandrovsky, upon his arrival here, denied and announced that he was preparing a complete statement for the public.

LODZ IS HUNGRY AND QUARRELSCOME.

LODZ, May 12.—The bakers here have struck and no bread can be secured in the town. Neighboring villages are sending supplies. Some of the largest mills in Lodz are at present closed.

ADVISED RUSSIANS TO SURRENDER.

CHITA, Siberia, May 12.—A man named Blitzer has been condemned here to a long term of imprisonment at hard labor on condition that he should surrender to the Japanese troops.

NO FLAX MILL FOR SALEM

Project Is Postponed Till More Straw Is Raised.

All of the flax grown in Oregon will be from this time on shipped to New York mills and no further effort will be made to build and operate a mill in this state for the next two years, at least.

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