

FLEET WILL HAVE NEW COMMANDER

Czar Will Relieve Rojostvensky Because His Illness May Be Fatal.

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Skyrdloff Relieved as Penalty of Failure With Vladivostok Squadron—Fleet Will Sneak Through In Fog.

ST. PETERSBURG, May 18.—(Special.)—It is reported upon excellent authority that the czar has decided to relieve Admiral Rojostvensky of the command of the Baltic fleet upon his own request, owing to the fact that his illness continues and his private physician declares that he will hardly recover unless he is permitted to return to Russia.

ST. PETERSBURG, May 18.—(Special.)—The failure of Admiral Skyrdloff to do anything with the Vladivostok fleet has led to his being relieved of his command, and he has been ordered to proceed to Kronstadt for duty there.

Vice-Admiral Rothen is already on the way to Vladivostok to assume command of the port there and the cruisers that are in service. He is expected as soon as he arrives to order the fleet to sea and endeavor to create a diversion that will result advantageously to the Baltic fleet.

The name of Captain Clado is reported to have been stricken off the naval list because of his criticisms of naval affairs. Inasmuch as the Baltic fleet has not been heard of for some days, the experts here are inclined to believe that it is now well on its way toward Vladivostok. It is expected to hover within striking distance of the Japanese base and move through the Japanese guard lines in the fog that are now prevailing.

Of course, if the Japanese fleet is encountered, battle will be offered, but if it is possible to get past Togo without fighting, this will be done, as the Russians would be at a disadvantage in giving battle so far from their base and with their ships' bottoms foul.

NEXT REFUGEE OF HIS FLEET

Rojostvensky Will Land More Supplies in French Harbor.

LONDON, May 18.—Now that it seems definitely established that Vice-Admiral Rojostvensky has started on his northward journey, there is a great revival of interest here in the far eastern campaign. Keewang Bay, where provisions junks are said to be waiting for the Russian fleet, is the most northward of French possessions on the Chinese Sea and the last port which Rojostvensky can set for his final departure to meet the Japanese. It has a fine anchorage and a sheltered canal where a large fleet can remain.

Reports still circulate in London to the effect that the Russian Pacific fleet's coaling arrangements are extremely inadequate and have been the main cause of its prolonged stay in Indo-Chinese waters, and that the admiral is finding ever increasing difficulty on this score.

The correspondent at Tokio of the Daily Telegraph says it is expected that the Russian fleet will sail on Sunday or Monday toward Amoy or Foo Chow.

JAPAN WILL RAISE VARIAG

Sunken Russian Ships Will Reinforce Togo's Fleet.

VICTORIA, B. C., May 18.—The steamer Tremont, which arrived today from Manila and Oriental ports, was at Hong Kong when the Baltic fleet reached Kanton Bay, and, according to Charles Osborne, proprietor of a Michigan newspaper, who was a passenger, left hurriedly, loading but 200 tons of her cargo. Much excitement prevailed at Hong Kong, and insurance on outward cargoes was advanced. When nearing Japanese waters the Tremont was stopped by the Japanese converted cruiser America Maru, but was not interfered with when she signalled her name, destination and nature of cargo.

Advice from Japan state that work on the cruiser Varig, now being raised at Chemulpo, is about completed. It was expected she would be floated at high tide May 23 and she will be made ready at once, so that Admiral Togo may be given an additional cruiser. A small warship sunk inside the dock at Port Arthur is also being recovered, and can be used almost immediately. The work of refloating the vessels at Port Arthur was to be commenced May 15.

A. M. Hugen, of Philadelphia, engineer of the Osaka Gas Company, was stabbed in the back with a short sword April 23, as the result of a dispute over laying gas pipes at Osaka.

The Korean Minister of Justice executed 27 political offenders April 23 and sentenced 83 others to death. The Japanese are interfering.

RAIN PREVENTS FIGHTING.

Roads in Manchuria Impassable, but Fodder for Horses Abounds.

GUNSHU PASS, Manchuria, May 18.—After several days of rain, a violent downpour set in today, which has ruined the roads and necessitates a period of military inaction, besides increasing sickness in the camps of the two armies. Luxuriant vegetation is springing up, which will furnish green fodder and so favor future operations by cavalry.

According to Chinese reports, the Japanese are strengthening their left wing and also are sending important reinforcements to Corea, but no change in the position at the front has been noticed.

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ROSEWATER DID NOT PAY

Accuses Algeo of Attempted Blackmail by Panel Game.

OMAHA, Neb., May 18.—Morris W. Algeo was tonight held under bonds to the District Court on the charge of having attempted to blackmail Edward Rosewater, proprietor of the Omaha Bee.

Mr. Rosewater says that on April 25 he went to Algeo's rooms at the Murray Hotel at Algeo's invitation to close a business deal. He was admitted by Mrs. Algeo, who then unlocked the door and paid down the blinds on the pretext that the light hurt her eyes, though he protested against her doing so. In a moment Algeo knocked at the door, was admitted, and demanded money. This demand was renewed a few days ago in Mr. Rosewater's office, when Chief of Police Donahue was concealed there.

Algeo's story is that he returned to his rooms unexpectedly to find Mrs. Algeo and Mr. Rosewater locked in with the blinds down. When he was arrested, he filed counter charges of blackmailing against both Rosewater and Donahue.

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