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RUSSIAN CRUISER SUNK WITH CREW

The Novik and 334 Men Sent to the Bottom by Two Japanese Vessels.

THIRTY THOUSAND REINFORCMENTS JOIN THE JAPS

Besieging Force Now Amounts to 80,000 Men—Heavy Battle is Raging All Along the Front—Japanese Cruiser Bombs Capital of Island of Sakhalin, the Russian Penal Colony—Cannoning at Louisa Bay—Search Lights and Rocket Signals Can Be Seen for Miles Away—Japanese Losses Said to Be 2500.

Chee Foo, Aug. 22.—The Japanese cruisers Chitose and Akitsushima met the pride of the Russian fleet, the cruiser Novik, outside of Port Arthur yesterday and in less than 40 minutes riddled her with shells, sinking her with all on board.

Neither of the Japanese vessels were struck by the Russian.

Novik's Crew All Lost.

Tokio, Aug. 22.—According to advice a severe storm came up after the sinking of the Russian cruiser Novik by the Japanese cruisers Chitose and Akitsushima yesterday, preventing the Japanese from rescuing any of the crew of the Novik, which numbered 334 men.

Japanese Heavily Reinforced.

Chee Foo, Aug. 22.—According to reliable information from Port Arthur, the Japanese received 30,000 reinforcements from the north this morning.

The force now besieging Port Arthur amounts to 80,000 men and 420 guns.

Big Battle in Progress.

Chee Foo, Aug. 22.—The steamer Victoria arrived this evening from Niu Chwang. She reports heavy firing in Louisa and Pigeon bays between 10 last night and 1 o'clock this morning. She saw search lights playing freely and skyrockets signalling.

Japanese Lose 2500.

Rome, Aug. 22.—A telegram today from Chee Foo states the Japanese losses in the last assault on Port Arthur, are 2500, including 63 officers.

To Enforce Chinese Neutrality.

Rome, Aug. 22.—It is announced today that the Italian squadron in the Far East has been ordered to cooperate with the American to maintain the neutrality of China.

Russia Refuses to Disarm.

Washington, Aug. 22.—A dispatch to the state department this morning from Consul General Goodnow, of Shanghai, confirms the press dispatch relative to the entrance of the harbor by a Japanese torpedo boat followed by the American vessel Chauncey. The Russian consul still refuses to comply with the order to dismantle or leave the harbor.

Acting Secretary of State and Acting Secretary of the Navy Darling held a conference on the subjects presented in the dispatch.

Cruisers Must Leave Shanghai.

Shanghai, Aug. 22.—The consuls will hold another meeting this afternoon. The Tao Tai has given the Askold and Grossvort until noon tomorrow to leave the port. No repairs of the vessels will be permitted. The Askold, however, cannot cross the bar this week, owing to the low tides.

Consuls Discuss Russian Cruisers.

Shanghai, Aug. 22.—A meeting of foreign consuls resulted in the preparation of a statement to establish the facts regarding the Russian warship in the harbor here.

To Release Russian Exiles.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 22.—The Russian commandant at Korsakov, island of Sakhalin, sends the following: "Since 7 o'clock this morning the enemy bombarded Korsakov, where the government houses have been destroyed."

"One of the enemy's ships appeared on the horizon at 6 o'clock this morning, approached to within 5 1/2 miles of the shore, and bombarded Korsakov until 8:15, when the vessel retired to sea and disappeared. The damage to the town is quite considerable, and there were no casualties."

On the island of Sakhalin is located one of the largest Russian penal colonies in Siberia. Thousands of alleged prisoners are held there for no crime other than that they happened to incur the displeasure of some petty official. The Japanese have declared at different times that the Russians in exile at Sakhalin would be released at the first opportunity.

Baker to Join the League.

Baker City, Aug. 22.—A meeting of business men was held Saturday at which it was decided to organize a development league to become a member of the State Development League recently organized in Portland.

Senator Hoar Growing Weaker.

Worcester, Aug. 22.—Senator Hoar is feeling comfortably this morning. He is gradually growing weaker.

Mrs. Robert G. Ingersoll won a suit for legal fees due her husband, from Andrew G. Davis, a wealthy copper miner of Montana, in the New York court Friday.

PRASE FOR JAMES J. HILL.

Financiers Take Luncheon on the Minnesota—Largest Freightliner Built in America.

New York, Aug. 22.—A large number of persons prominent in the world of commerce are guests today of the Great Northern Steamship Company, aboard the new steamship Minnesota, which arrived last night from the yards at New London, Conn.

The ship was inspected, luncheon was served, followed by short addresses, extolling the enterprise of the company and its president, James J. Hill. The Minnesota is the largest American built vessel afloat and will ply between Seat and Tacoma and Far East.

MRS. BOTWIN SENTENCED.

Court Says the Noted Criminal Should Have Been Hanged.

San Francisco, Aug. 22.—Mrs. Corde Botwin was this morning denied a new trial for the murder of Mrs. John P. Dunning and sentenced to life imprisonment.

In passing sentence the court said the woman should have been sentenced to hang and that the jury erred in fixing the punishment at imprisonment for life.

Potlatch Wheat Yields.

Lewiston, Aug. 22.—Reports from the Potlatch country state that the crop is below the general average for the country. The yields reported are running from 15 to 40 bushels to the acre. The general average for the country is about 30 bushels. The spring yield has been cut considerably short by the recent hot weather.

Turks Will Restore "Order."

Belgrade, Aug. 22.—An inscription has been out among the inhabitants of Spoken. Turkish troops have been dispatched to the scene to restore "order."

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The Dalles, Aug. 22.—As harvest progresses in Sherman county, it begins to develop that there is a considerable amount of smut or more properly smut, which is causing much loss to the growers. The smut is said to be caused by a fungus which attacks the wheat while it is in the field.

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According to these charges with which the prison board were made familiar today, the prison had become a popular resort for scarlet women who with brazen effrontery, not satisfied with polluting the institution with their presence, were invited to sit down at the table with the guards and partake of their Sunday dinner furnished by the State.

After dinner has been eaten it is alleged that the girls furnish the guards and partake of their Sunday dinner at the State's expense in a conversation not permitted in polite society.

No notorious had this conduct been known to the officials have asked their lady friends not to visit them at the prison on Sunday afternoons.

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Supposed Victim of Riot Found Dead.

Police Force Increased and Lines of Guard Drawn Tighter—More Rioting Looked for and Mutterings of Strikers is Ominous—Picket Forces Are Thoroughly Organized—Cudahy Packing Company Sets Up Boarding Houses at the Kansas City Plant—Falling Off in Stock Yards Business Amounts to Over 1,000,000 Head.

Chicago, Ill., Aug. 22.—In the discovery this morning of the body of a workman with his head badly beaten in the pen near the stock yards, the police believe he has been a victim of strike violence.

Fearing worse violence than before the police this morning strengthened the lines of the strike district and adopted stringent measures.

Thomas Stroger, business agent of the Meat Cutters' union, was arrested while endeavoring to prevent non-union men from entering the yards.

Practically every striker went on duty as picket today, all working under a thoroughly organized plan to combat this plan a similar organization by the police was effected.

It is estimated that fully 100,000 strike breakers who went out Saturday, failed to return to work this morning.

Strike Causes Great Loss.

Washington, Aug. 22.—The effect of the packing house strike is shown in comparative reports of livestock shipments for July from the five principal Western markets, as reported by the department of commerce and labor. The decrease for July over last year was 1,965,595 head.

Cheap Lodging for Strike Breakers.

Kansas City, Aug. 22.—Beginning today, the Cudahy Packing Company will charge employees who lodge and board at the plant, \$3 per week. President Donnelly is expected here this evening.

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The strikers did not linger in the vicinity after having prevented the killing of the cattle by the scabs, but made no resistance to the police, after the purpose of the riot was accomplished.

Injured in Riot.

Frank Krupa suffered a broken jaw and probably lost an eye as a result of the assault by strikers today. Krupa and two others were crushed by the mob, and terribly beaten, he had formerly worked in the packing house.

Union Officials Investigate.

Chicago, Aug. 19.—President Donnelly has sent word to the officials that he will be tomorrow to Kansas City, St. Paul and St. Joseph to report local conditions there. Donnelly goes to St. Louis then to Indianapolis, where he will meet President Mitchell, of the miners, hoping to receive financial support from that union.

Riot at the Yards.

Chicago, Aug. 19.—Four steers, over 4000 strikers fought with the police last night, were discovered this morning in places in the remote yards.

Beyond the hoofs and horns remained to tell the story. Five of the drove were finally rounded up by the police and driven back to the yard.

Among the most seriously injured in the riot were Joseph Kenna, George Sheddock and Andrew Vilkers. All were taken to the hospital. It is quiet in the strike district today.

Strike Threatens to Spread.

Chicago, Aug. 19.—Forty of the most prominent leaders in the local labor field will meet tonight to consider the butchers' strike and form an advisory board to deal with the situation. The meeting is called by the strikers.

FIRES PARTIALLY CONTROLLED.

Still Spreading in Skamania County, Washington.

Portland, Aug. 19.—The Lin county, Oregon fires are in control with the exception of Berlin, where the fire is gaining and the settlers are fleeing. In Skamania county, Washington, fires are spreading with great fierceness, but it is believed all the settlers have escaped. All mail routes are abandoned.

Charged With Rape.

Walla Walla, Aug. 19.—A warrant is out for the arrest of 18-year-old Roy Twist, a barber apprentice, charged with statutory crime against Bessie Patterson. Young Twist has left the city and is supposed to be headed for San Francisco. The girl is 15 years old, is said to be in a delicate condition.

Bandit Sontag Wants Freedom.

Sacramento, Aug. 19.—George Sontag, the noted bandit, applied for a writ of habeas corpus today. He says he will go to Minnesota and lead an honest life. He claims the Southern Pacific and Wells-Fargo companies will sign a recommendation for clemency.

The O. R. & N. Branch Done.

Starbuck, Aug. 20.—The work on the Kahlois-Connell branch of the O. R. & N., which has been progressing for the last three weeks is about completed and the traffic will be commenced over the new line today or tomorrow.

World Beating Marksmen.

Fort Riley, Aug. 19.—Today's shooting closed the army pistol competition. A score of 834 was made by Quartermaster Sergeant Benjamin Anderson, of the 10th Cavalry, who is considered to be a world beater.

Cherry Harvest Over.

The cherry crop is about all harvested. 20,000 boxes having been shipped out of Cove, 1200 boxes were shipped via Union and 2000 boxes went via La Grande. Mr. George Thomas is the largest cherry grower in Cove, having shipped 3300 boxes from his orchard—La Grande Chronicle.

LOCAL OPTION ACTIVITY.

Portland Temperance People File a Petition 500 Strong.

Portland, Aug. 20.—Local optionists are becoming active, in anticipation of the November election. A petition for a vote on whether the county shall be without intoxicants for consumption by everybody "having the price" until a year from next June has been filed with county clerk. The petition contains also 500 names.

The vote will be for the whole county. If the county votes for no liquor each precinct gets no liquor. If the county votes for the sale of liquor any precinct that votes otherwise will have to do without it. The proponents of prohibition say that they expect many precincts to vote against the sale of liquor, but hardly expect the county to favor prohibition as a unit.

BIG ELECTRIC COMPANY.

Willamette Valley Corporation Capitalized at \$1,000,000.

Salem, Aug. 20.—The Willamette Valley Electric Company filed articles of incorporation with Secretary of State Dunbar yesterday afternoon. The incorporators are J. F. Wilson, M. F. Tait and M. J. Wiley and the principal office is at Eugene.

The articles of incorporation declare that the following electric lines will be constructed: Eugene to Portland; Eugene to Coos Bay; Eugene to Belknap Springs; Eugene to Florence. The capital stock is \$1,000,000 and the incorporators are backed, it is said, by Arizona capital.

CRITICAL KAISER.

Extolls the Organization of the Japanese Army.

Cassel, Prussia, Aug. 20.—After a review of troops by the Kaiser today his majesty summoned the senior officers of the garrison and delivered a lecture on the lessons of war in the Far East. He relentlessly criticized Russia, while the marvelous organization of the Japanese he extolled.

Chinese Student Assaulted.

Seattle, Aug. 20.—Lin Tong, a 14-year-old Chinese, who is attending the local Chinese mission here, was cut badly in several places on the hand and struck in the head with a rock and then kicked into insensibility.

In a last night about 9 o'clock, near the corner of Maynard avenue and Washington street, his assailants are unknown, but Tong says that one of them was a man wearing a yellow and white striped sweater. Tong was attended by a Chinese doctor after the assault.

Boy Drowned at Lewiston.

Lewiston, Aug. 20.—Perry Beaman, aged 12, was drowned yesterday at the swimming hole, about a mile south of the bridge, while in bathing with a number of smaller boys in Snake river.

Four Drowned in Cloudburst.

El Paso, Aug. 20.—In a second cloudburst near Globe, Ariz., yesterday afternoon, Charles Sims, Mrs. Hurd, Miss Moody and John Epley were drowned. The bodies were all recovered.

NINE INSPECTORS FOR PUBLIC LAND

NEW OFFICES CREATED AT \$30,000 PER YEAR.

Public Land States Divided Into Nine Districts Over Which Special Inspectors Will Preside at \$1500 Per Year, \$3 Per Day for Expenses and a \$1000 Clerk—Their Duties Will Be to Inspect Other Inspectors.

For the purpose of preventing further fraud in the land offices of the West, the public land states have been divided into nine districts, over each of which a special inspector will be appointed, says a special to the Oregonian from Washington.

Oregonians will have each comprise a separate district and will be presided over by separate inspectors. Thomas B. Newhausen, formerly of Minnesota, will be inspector for Oregon, and Edward W. Dixon, of Oregon will be the inspector for Washington.

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Are for the Test Oath.

While the Dubois people handled the matter rather gingerly at Lewiston, there is no doubt that, should they carry the legislature, they will make a desperate fight to re-enact the old test oath under which, in territorial and early statehood days, Mormons were disfranchised by the thousands. They did not make a statement to that effect either in convention or the caucuses that preceded it, but among themselves they made no secret of their intention.

The test oath required every voter in the state, before he could exercise the right of suffrage to swear that he was not a member of any organization, religious or otherwise, which taught polygamy, and that he owed no allegiance to and was not bound by any oath to the state and federal governments—Spokesman-Review.

Ocean Fares Reduced.

Liverpool, Aug. 19.—The Leyland American Steamship lines today reduced cabin fares to a level of three pence, the White Star line yesterday.

Chief of Rathbone Sisters.

Louisville, Ky., Aug. 19.—Mrs. Lydia A. Monroe, of Riverside, Cal., was elected supreme chief of the Rathbone Sisters.

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