

DEATH OF ADMIRAL DEFEATED BY JAPANESE.



ADMIRAL ROJESTVENSKY.

Admiral Rojestvensky, who died at St. Petersburg recently, would have been more fortunate if he had gone down with his flagship on that fateful 27th of May when the Russian armada met the doom of the Spanish three centuries before. That is the feeling of men of the seafaring races, with their tradition that seaman and ship are one. Probably Rojestvensky did not feel so, for he endeavored to escape. He was not of a race born to the mastery of the sea. And in some measure that explains his failure and his country's, for it was his country's more than his.

Sinor Petrovitch Rojestvensky was about 60 years old, and for years bore the reputation of being the most cool-headed and scientific officer in the Russian navy. In the summer of 1904 he started with the second Russian Atlantic squadron from the Baltic for Vladivostok. Arriving in the Far East, Admiral Rojestvensky was joined by other Russian vessels, and then had fifty-six ships under his command. May 27-28, 1905, occurred the battle of the Sea of Japan, in which the Russian fleet was practically annihilated and the commander taken prisoner. A naval court of inquiry indicted Admiral Rojestvensky for surrendering to the Japanese, but he was acquitted on the plea that at the time the surrender was made he was unconscious from injuries received in the fight.

It is not given to the men of all races to say, with Hawke, when warned of the lee shore and the rising tempest: "Sir, you have done your duty. Now lay me alongside of the French Admiral." It is not given to all to say, with Farragut: "D—n the torpedoes! Full steam ahead!" Nor is it given to all to say, with Craven: "After you, pilot," and make of his sinking ship a tomb of immortal glory. Yet, says the Chicago Inter Ocean, though Rojestvensky lacked that narrow of tradition or that final touch of grace or fortune and so did not in the manner of his death give dignity to his share of a colossal failure, it must be remembered that to him was doubtless due the boldness of an enterprise which, had it succeeded, might have changed the course of history. A strong Russian fleet in the Pacific, with an almost impregnable harbor in which to refit, and energetically operated, would have lifted the weight of the Japanese army in Manchuria for a time. One branch of the Russian service—the railway—had learned by experience to do its work well. Given a little more time and the Russian armies might have been reorganized for victory.

We know now that Japan consented to peace not merely because all that was immediately fought for had been won. There was also a consciousness that Japan could do but little more, and a possibility that Russia, if given breathing space, might do a great deal more. To give Russia time to make a new military machine to take power from the transportation machine was the mission of Rojestvensky and the armada. It was a bold design, and Admiral Togo knew what its success—what letting the Russian armada even get by—meant for Japan. There was a full realization of its meaning in Togo's battle signal: "The fate of the Empire depends on this effort. Let every man do his utmost!"

Rojestvensky failed, and with him Russia failed as a sea power. And with failure in sea power is recorded judgment against the Russian system as a producer of real national efficiency. There may be another Russian navy, but not until Russia is made over and can breed men who more than know—men who have the instinct for sea mastery and live and die in accordance with it—can Russia really count in the dominion of the seas.



FATHER JOHN OF CRONSTADT.

After taking a priesthood at the Apostolic Church of Cronstadt. Although a factor in the political life of his country, nor a leading dignitary of the church, Father John stood out conspicuously whenever Russia attracted the world's attention, whether because of national sorrow or rejoicing.

A sufferer at superstition and a broad-minded man, nevertheless he was un-

versally known to the people of Russia as the holy seer and miracle worker of the empire. This resulted from the deep impression his zeal and devotion to the church wrought on the people. At the beginning of his ministry in 1855, his zeal, his personality and his unique methods appealed to the mediocrity spirit which largely prevailed among the people and in the Russian church, and he wielded wide influence, becoming firmly entrenched in Russian hearts. Quickly his fame spread. He was credited with healing powers and with the ability to perform miracles; the raising from the dead of a girl in a St. Petersburg hospital was attributed to him by peasants, and soon his home became the Mecca of many long pilgrimages by the faithful suffering from maladies. The sterling qualities of Father John were admitted also by the late Emperor Alexander III., who constantly honored and befriended him, and who sent for him to administer the last sacraments of the church when he lay dying. He was a conspicuous figure at the solemnities attending the coronation of the present Czar, and the Empress showed her faith in him by making a pilgrimage to the shrine of St. Seraphin to offer her most fervent prayer.

In his church Father John was urgent along the lines of missionary endeavors in foreign fields, and of this interest the Russian Orthodox Church of St. Nicholas in New York City has received ample share. Known to but few of his followers by his surname of Sergaev, he was Father John to all, and as Father John Russia mourns him.

Whisky by any other name would tangle men's feet just the same.

HOW FIGS ARE MARKETED.

Trees Grow Wild and Fruit Is Dried in the Sun.

The fig tree grows almost wild and requires little cultivation, says the Premier Enquirer. Although certain varieties are grown in various parts of the world, those of Asiatic Turkey, commonly called Smyrna figs, for the reason that they are packed and shipped from Smyrna, are the best. The growing district is in the province (vilayet) of Aidin, the plantations extending from Ayassouk to Ortach, a valley over 100 miles long, spreading far on both sides of the line of the Ottoman railway, which runs through it, affording direct transportation from the interior.

The figs ripen by the beginning of August. They are not picked, but when they reach a certain maturity they begin to dry and consequently they drop on the ground. In the morning everybody on the plantations goes around with buckets gathering the fruit, which they carry to a certain place where the ground is covered with dry leaves and straw (sergol), and on which they spread the fruit, exposing it to the sun, allowing it to remain there from two to three days.

Fig packing is one of the principal industries of Smyrna. Thousands of people find employment during the end of August and the months of September, October and part of November, more than \$500,000 being paid in wages during that time.

The demand for figs has increased considerably during the last two years. Some years ago a crop of 75,000 to 80,000 camel loads was considered large and difficulty was found in disposing of the goods. With the increased demand new plantations have been started and the crops of the last two seasons have been enormous, in 1903 reaching 120,000 loads. Notwithstanding this, the goods find a ready market and, with the exception of very short crops, at higher prices than were ever realized before.

QUEER STORIES

The Laplander can travel about 150 miles a day on his skates.

The annual fire loss of New York is nearly double that of London.

The foreign trade of Great Britain has shown no signs of revival.

Japan's fishermen represent a huge industry. Last year the total value of the catch was estimated at \$43,932,188.

Peanuts, or ground nuts, as they are locally called, form one of the largest crops over a large part of the northern provinces of China, and are one of the articles of native export entering heavily into both the China coast and foreign trade.

A delicious sweetmeat is made in Santo Domingo from ripe bananas, cut into slices about a quarter of an inch thick. These are sprinkled with sugar and placed in the sun several days, being turned occasionally, and each time dusted again with sugar.

A scientific labor of the utmost importance and interest is about to be commenced from Shanghai. This is a magnetic survey of China, and Dr. Edwards, of the Carnegie Institute, Washington, who is to carry it through, is at present in Shanghai preparing for the work.

Second in importance to the exportation of china from the Limoges district of France is that of "English" walnuts. The walnuts are exported either unshelled for use as dessert nuts, or in nut kernels—generally in halves. The proportion is about one-third sent unshelled and two-thirds shelled.

For some days there has been in a glass case on the mantelpiece of Messrs. Sotheby's in Wellington street a quill pen such as you can buy for a penny. This particular one, however, brought 4,680 pence, or £19 10s. It had belonged to Charles Dickens and is said to be that which was used at the last when he was writing "Edwin Drood." It was taken from the novelist's table at Gad's Hill by his eldest son.—London News.

Caviar is the roe of the sturgeon prepared as a table delicacy. As a dish too rare to be known by the generality of people, and the flavor of which would not be relished by an uneducated palate, Shakespeare makes Hamlet speak of it, in describing a play which was too fine to be appreciated by ordinary minds. "Twas caviare to the general" (meaning the generality), says the Prince of Denmark.

Too Previous
A Richmond woman has in her employ a little darky, Miff Cole. One day Miff became confidential and told his mistress he was "goin' to the cimitery next Sunday."

"But, Miff, that's a long walk. You know it is more than five miles."

"Oh, missus, I ain't goin' to walk, I's goin' to ride."

"How is that, Miff?"

"I's goin' in a kerriage 't my uncle's funeral."

All day Saturday Miff could talk of nothing but the approaching affair, Sunday his mistress excused him, and she expected that on Monday she would be regaled with a full account of the funeral. But Miff turned up with a most melancholy face. In answer to her inquiry he said: "I didn't go, missus. He ain't dead yet."—New York Herald.

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Under No Obligations.
"Senator, you surely will vote for this measure."
"Why should I?"
"It's for the benefit of posterity."
"Posterity may go hang! I know already what posterity will say about me, and I'm going to get even with it beforehand. I shall vote against the bill just to spite posterity."

Uncle Jerry.
"I shouldn't wonder," said Uncle Jerry Peebles, "if there was something in this idea that the condition of a man's teeth has a whole lot to do with his moral character. The biggest liar I ever knew in my life wore a full set of false teeth." —Chicago Tribune.

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