



GREAT NAVAL BATTLE FOUGHT

The Entire Russian Fleet is Either Captured or at The Bottom of the Ocean.

JAPANESE ARE PURSUING THE RUSSIAN FLEET

Great Rejoicing in Japan Over Admiral Togo's Victory While St. Petersburg is Filled with Gloom at the News of The Overwhelming Disaster.

LATEST OFFICIAL REPORTS OF WORLD'S GREATEST SEA FIGHT

Three and Possibly Four of the Russian Battleships Are Sunk, Six Armoured Cruisers and the Supply Transports Are Either Sunk or Captured and the Small Remnant of the Russian Navy Is Scattered and Wiped From the Seas Completely Conquered—Flagship Sunk and Admiral Wounded.

Tokio, May 29.—(Special to The Astorian, 2:30 p. m.)—The greatest battle of the world has been fought. The Russian squadron has been almost completely annihilated. In the straits of Korea the Russian battleships Borodino and Alexander III, the armoured cruisers Admiral Nakahimoff, Damitri Donskoi and Vladimir Monimach, the coast defense iron-clad Admiral Cusbakoff, the protected cruiser Irtesin, were sunk. The battleships Orel and Nicholas and coast defense iron-clads Admiral Senivan and Admiral Apraxine, were captured.

TWO MORE DAMAGED.

Washington, May 29.—According to advices received by the naval department from Tokio the Japanese in addition to the ships already named have captured the Russian battleship Sissoi Veliky and the Russian flagship were seriously damaged.

JAPANESE FLEET UNDAMAGED.

Washington, 2:30 p. m.—An official telegram from Tokio states that Admiral Togo has wired his report to his government that the total losses sustained by the Russians in the great battle of Saturday and Sunday were: Two battleships; one coast defense armor clad, five cruisers, two special service ships and three torpedo boat destroyers, all of which were sunk. In addition there were captured two battleships, two coast armor iron clads, one special service ship, one destroyer and over 2000 prisoners. Admiral Togo adds that the Japanese squadron was undamaged.

Washington, May 29, 2:45 p. m.—Mr. Takahira, the Japanese minister, has received a cablegram from his government relating to the naval engagement of Saturday and Sunday which he said, although lacking details, conveyed the information that the Japanese victory had been "absolute and overwhelming."

FOLLOWING UP VICTORY.

London, May 29, 2:45 p. m.—Up to noon today the foreign office was still without news of the naval battle from any British sources in the far east. The Japanese legation was similarly without news from its government. Reports are current on the stock exchange purporting to be from authoritative high sources to the effect that Vice Admiral Rojestvensky's flagship Kniaz Souvaroff was among the vessels sunk and that the Japanese are following up the Russians and picking off their ships one by one.

BATTLESHIPS BLOWN UP.

Tokio, May 29.—Official reports from the great battle on Saturday and Sunday are officially confirmed. Rojestvensky's battleship has been sunk with all on board. The Japanese elated with victory are following up the remnants of the Russian squadron and have sunk three more armored cruisers and badly disabled two more battleships. It is reported that the Russians have blown up the battleships to keep them from falling into the hands of the Japanese. It is expected that every vestige of the Russian-Baltic fleet will be annihilated as the Japanese are in hot pursuit and are sinking cruisers and torpedo boats and all that remains of the Russian fleet, have the advantage of more rapid boats, the Russian boats being handicapped by foul bottoms. The greatest speed the Russian fleet can make is less than 10 knots an hour, while the Japanese are steaming at 16 knots.

MORNING REPORT.

Washington, May 29.—A dispatch was received at the

state department today saying that the Japanese government has made the announcement that its fleet had engaged the Russians in the straits of Korea Saturday and had held them. The reported sinking of the battleship Borodino is mentioned in a dispatch received at the state department today from the consul at Nagasaki. Following is the text of the Nagasaki dispatch to the state department:

"Nagasaki, May 28.—Japanese sunk the Russian battleship Borodino and four more warships and a repair ship."

The other dispatch follows: "Tokio, May 27.—Japanese fleet engaged the Baltic squadron this afternoon in the straits of Tsushima, which was held. Cannonading heard from shore."

The belief in naval circles in Washington is that the Japanese resorted to a free use of their torpedo boats in their attacks on the ships of Admiral Rojestvensky's fleet. The Japanese have a large number of torpedo boats in their fleet, and they demonstrated their effectiveness in the operations around Port Arthur. Naval officials here tonight express the opinion that it was unlikely that such serious losses as those reported had been inflicted by ordinary fire.

Tokio, May 29.—(10 a. m.)—The latest rumors about the navy department are to the effect that besides the Borodino, the battleship Orel was sunk in the earlier fighting. She is reported to have been torpedoed three times and afterwards fell a victim to the cruiser Kasaga, which practically riddled her. None of the other Russian vessels are identified by the rumor here.

Chefoo, Ma' 28.—(Noon.)—Private telegrams from Korea to the Japanese consul here state that a battle was progressing yesterday afternoon at or near the Korean straits between the main portion of the Russian squadron and the Japanese fleet under command of Admiral Togo.

Telegrams almost identical with the above have been received here and announce that a large portion of the Russian fleet was sighted approaching the Korean straits Saturday, headed for the channel between the Tru islands and the Japanese coast.

STRIKE SITUATION IN CHICAGO

Renewed Aggressiveness of Striking Teamsters is Expected Wednesday.

Lumber Mills Will Take Advantage of Legal Holiday to Increase Amount of Their Deliveries and Have More Men Than They Can Use on Account of Lack of Police Protection.

Chicago, May 29.—Renewed aggressiveness on the part of the employers in the teamsters' strike is expected to take place Wednesday. Taking advantage of the legal holiday, which comes tomorrow, plants will be formed for extensively increasing the amount of deliveries to be made from the lumber districts. Downtown business houses where the strike exists have at present about 400 unemployed drivers.

These they cannot use on account of the inability of the police department to furnish protection for them, and on Wednesday these men will be sent to firms in the lumber districts which need drivers, and a strong and determined effort will be made to increase the volume of business done in that section. There was very little disturbance during the day and no fights of sufficient seriousness to call for interference of any large body of police.

AMERICAN STEAMER SUNK.

Roosevelt to Inquire Into the Actions of the Russian Government.

Washington, May 29.—The Post today says that acting on instructions of President Roosevelt, acting Secretary of State Loomis has telegraphed Minister Griscom at Tokio to inquire into the sinking of an American merchant steamer by the Russian Baltic fleet off Formosa.

CHANGED THEIR MINDS.

It Is Believed That the Russians Will Not Send Troops to Mongolia.

New York, May 29.—The Chinese authorities deny that they have received from Russia positive notice of the intention to march troops in Mongolia, cables the Peking correspondent of the Herald. On the other hand, the foreign office is deluged with charges and countercharges relative to alleged breaches of neutrality by both Russians and Japanese.

PROPOSALS FOR PEACE MADE

Roosevelt, German and Japanese Ambassadors Hold Conference.

NINETEEN RUSSIAN SHIPS WERE SUNK

It is Possible Three Additional Warships Were Sunk in the Fight on Saturday Which Have Not Been Reported in the Dispatches

ADMIRAL TOGA WIRES GOVERNMENT HIS OFFICIAL REPORT

Both Rojestvensky's and Nebogatoff's Fleets Were United and Took Part in the Great Battle—Nebogatoff Is Captured and the Fate of Rojestvensky Is Unknown, But Believed He Went Down With His Flagship, Which Was Sunk, Unless He was Aboard Some Other Ship at Time of Battle.

Tokio, May 30.—Togo continues great sweep to the northward in pursuit of the remnant Russian fleet. Complete reports possibly increase the extent of the Russian disaster. Their fleetest ships should reach Vladivostok tonight (Monday). Slower ones, Tuesday or Wednesday.

It will be Thursday before the complete results of the battle are known.

At the end of the week Togo's fleet is expected to reassemble and until then it will only be possible to secure approximate details.

Tokio, May 30.—Latest advices confirm the magnitude of the disaster suffered by the Russian fleet. Official reports received from Tokio by the Japanese legation at Washington Monday evening says the Russian losses are definitely known to include two battleships, a coast defense ship, five cruisers, two special service boats and three destroyers sunk, and two battleships, two coast defense ships, one destroyer and one special service ship captured, while over 3000 prisoners have been taken, including Rear Admiral Nebogatoff. The Japanese, are still pursuing the Russians and it may be some time before the final result is known.

London, May 30.—According to a correspondent of the Mail at Seoul, Korea, early Saturday morning Togo, with practically all of the fighting ships of the Japanese navy, was at Masampo, Korea, when wireless signals from the scouts between Tsu and Quelpart islands announced the approach of the Russian fleet in full force. Few hours later the scouts reported the Russians not ascending the western channel, as anticipated, but they were coming up the eastern channel, which caused some surprise. Togo immediately started at full speed around the north of Tru island and when he doubled the island he saw the Russians coming in two columns. He then brought a terrific fire to bear on the flank of the port column and as the Russians fell into disorder he forced them steadily eastward toward the Japanese coast, where they were attacked by every vessel that flew the Japanese flags. The torpedo attacks delivered, some of them with the greatest success. The vessels which escaped, the correspondent says, will probably be able to reach Vladivostok.

Washington, May 30.—The Post says the navy department has received official telegrams from Tokio saying that the battleship Kniaz Souvaroff, Rojestvensky's flagship, went down in action and that Rojestvensky is lost.

London, May 30.—The Shanghai correspondent of the Morning Post, in dispatch dated May 30, says:

"Russian transports off Woosung hauled down their flags today."

A Tokio correspondent of the Telegraph says a Russian warship arrived off Iwami on the southwest coast of Japan and hoisted white flags. A dispatch says 300 officers and men, most of whom are wounded, are being assisted by the Japanese Red Cross there.

Tokio, May 30.—Togo's brief report thus far received is as follows:

May 27—Our combined fleet now going into action.

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