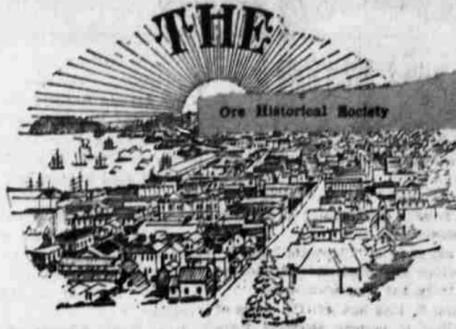


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BATTLE RESULT

Captured Russian Battle Ships in Port.

AFTERMATH OF BATTLE

Japanese Only Lost Three Torpedo Boats.—All Battle Ships Are Intact.

ROJESTVENSKY IS WOUNDED

Captured by the Japanese and Is Now in the Naval Hospital.—Emperor of Japan Issues Congratulations to Togo Upon Great Victory Achieved.

Tokio, May 31.—Admiral Togo reports that all the captured Russian ships sent to Sasebo have arrived and their crews landed. Rojestvensky was taken to the naval hospital. The report that Vice Admiral Enquist was captured proves to have been a mistake, caused by misinterpretation of the wireless telegraph.

By direction of the emperor, Admiral Ito has instructed Togo to allow Nebogatoff and other Russian officers to transmit the report of the battle and list of casualties and prisoners to the emperor of Russia. The officers of the battleships Orel and Nikolai I and the coast defense ships Admiral Apraxine and Admiral Senilavin are permitted to return to Russia upon giving parole. The damage to the Japanese fleet, Togo says, was slight.

There were only three torpedo boats lost. No warships or destroyers were sunk. The emperor issued the following receipt to Togo:

"Our combined fleet encountered the enemy's fleet in the Korean straits, and after several days' desperate battle annihilated it, accomplishing an unprecedented feat. We are glad that by the loyalty of our officers and men we have been able to respond to the spirits of our ancestors. Though the war may be long, we hope you will be loyal and brave and secure successful results."

To the navy the emperor issued the following receipts:

"Our navy, with the best strategy and the greatest courage annihilated the enemy's squadron and answered our hope. We appreciate deeply your splendid success."

London, May 31.—The Mall's Tokio correspondent says that the captain of the Russian cruiser Admiral Nakimov, now a prisoner, relates the following story of the battle between the Japanese and Russian fleets:

"At 6 o'clock on the morning of May 27, suddenly and unexpectedly we encountered the enemy's fleet as we were moving to the east of Tsu island. They steamed toward us and opened fire. Only 90 minutes after the firing began there was a sudden shock felt under Admiral Nakimov, and she began to sink with great rapidity. My belief is she struck a mine or torpedo. My crew numbered 600 men and a majority went down with the ship, as there was no time to get the men on deck. In the engagement fought off Liancourt Rock the Russian battleships were surrounded by Japanese ships which circled about them, pouring in a terrible fire and almost immediately fell into hopeless confusion.

St. Petersburg, May 31.—Little hope for the Russians can be found in the latest dispatches regarding the naval battle of Tsu island. Only four vessels of Rojestvensky's fleet are known to have reached Vladivostok, the cruiser Almaz and torpedo boat destroyers Grozny, Brava and Teresivsky. The full extent of the Russian losses are unknown here.

Emperor Wednesday called into extraordinary council Alexioff and all ministers of state and a series of conferences took place as to the course to be pursued. The result of these conferences are in doubt, the ministers returning to St. Petersburg observing cautious reticence as to what took

place. It is believed, however, that the emperor is determined on prosecuting the war.

The Russian press, with few exceptions, are openly indignant and are attacking the bureaucracy, one paper saying: "Those guilty for Russian defeat should be overwhelmed with shame."

THEATRICAL TRUST.

Twenty-Four Members to Stand Trial for Conspiracy.

New York, May 31.—Twenty-four members of the so-called theatrical trust will have to stand trial upon charges of conspiracy in accordance with a decision rendered today by the city magistrate, Joseph Pool, in the West Side court, in a long pending complaint of James S. Metcalf, the dramatic critic, against the theatrical managers' association. Metcalf makes charges of conspiracy in that members of the association passed a resolution on January 12 by which they agreed to bar him from their theaters. Among the better known are Klaw & Erlanger, Daniel Frohman, Conreit, Al Hayman, E. D. Stair and Antone Paster.

None of the managers were in court when the decision was rendered, but it is said they will be present at the district attorney's office tomorrow to arrange for bail. In his decision the magistrate said that the proceedings were brought by the district attorney under a section of the penal code relating to two or more persons conspiring to prevent a man from following his lawful calling.

Ladies' Gold Tourney.

London, May 31.—In the third round of the ladies' gold championship at Cromer today, Miss Mary B. Adams of Boston beat Miss Eachus, four up and two to play; Mrs. W. H. Martin, America, beat Mrs. Manland five up and four to play.

RUSSIAN COLLIERIES

Officers of Russian Navy Had No Heart in Their Work.

ALTHOUGH WELL DISCIPLINED

Men and Officers Seemed to Be Inefficient, But Evidently Showed a Woeful Ignorance in Loading the War Vessels With Coal and Supplies.

Victoria, B. C., May 30.—Advises received by the steamer Empress of Japan include interviews with the German masters of colliers which had been supplying Rojestvensky's fleet with coal when at Hongkobe bay. The Germans said that only one or two of the Russian ships was there such discipline as one would expect on a warship. The officers seemed fine men, but disciplined for work.

In coaling at Hongkobe bay the Russian warships could not swing their guns in far enough to allow the colliers to go alongside and coal was carried on with small boats at a rate of 250 tons a day. The colliers were all heavily loaded; the Hamburg-American liners even had their first class cabins full of coal.

EXCUSE FOR DEFEAT.

Following Biblical Injunction That All Made Excuses.

London, May 31.—The Shanghai correspondent of the Daily Telegraph says the completeness of the Russian defeat was largely due to a mistaken battle formation. The armored ships were on the starboard side, the cruisers and gunboats on the port side.

The Japanese main force, coming from the northwest, attacked the port line first and promptly threw it into disorder. This disorganized the starboard line. Thus the real action was of very short duration, but the sinking of so many ironclads and the surrendering of others without fighting the correspondent says, demands investigation.

Boycott American Products.

Manila, May 31.—The Chinese chamber of commerce by a unanimous vote, has decided to stand in line with the treaty ports of China in boycotting American merchandise in retaliation for the new exclusion treaty.

PEACE RUMORS

Question Discussed Informally by President.

NO ACTION WAS TAKEN

President and Members of Cabinet Discuss Question Without Result.

A SUGGESTION FROM RUSSIA

No Definite Action Will Be Taken for Peace Proposals Until Russia Decides What She Will do and Japanese Had Just as Soon Fight It Out.

Washington, May 31.—While the president has discussed informally the subject of peace negotiations with the members of his cabinet and some representatives of foreign countries at the capital, and in the near future will probably take up the matter with others in this connection it can be said authoritatively that no steps looking toward peace has yet been taken by this government. That such steps may be taken is regarded as quite likely, but whatever action may be taken depends upon information not yet in hand.

That concerted action and effort on the part of several important powers, including the United States to bring about a cessation of hostilities in the far east may be very soon made is reasonably certain.

The result of such an effort is quite another matter. It is regarded as too soon yet, after the great naval battle for Russia to determine upon a definite course of action. At least, until the St. Petersburg government shall have indicated what its desires may be, the probabilities are regarded as favorable only to an informal discussion of peace.

Japan is not taking any interest in the discussion. If peace proposals are undertaken, the initiative will have to come from Russian for Japan is better prepared today to continue the war than ever before.

QUIET IN CHICAGO.

No Disturbances of Importance Occurred During the Day.

Chicago, May 31.—The strike today, contrary to expectations, was very quiet, no riots worthy of name having taken place in any part of the city. There were a few fights; in none of them was anyone seriously injured. President Shiva of the teamsters' union appeared before the grand jury this afternoon and was questioned for two hours.

He told the story of the working of the international and local teamsters' unions. When questioned as to his knowledge of the blacklist maintained by the express companies against the teamsters, but was unable to tell anything tangible. He denied that there was any conspiracy on the part of the labor leaders and insisted that much of the trouble in the streets of the city had been caused by private detectives and other representatives of the employers' association for the purpose of exciting sympathy against the strikers.

LIFE INSURANCE.

Companies Paid Out Millions of Dollars on Insurance.

New York, May 31.—In the current issue of an insurance journal statistics are presented showing that during the year 1904, the sum of \$371,842,577 was paid by American life insurance companies. In this distribution New York shared \$34,505,761, Chicago \$9,876,486; Philadelphia \$9,725,873 and Boston \$4,927,555.

New York state leads, as does the city. The amount of insurance distributed to residents of the state of New York is \$58,618,801; Pennsylvania follows with \$29,094,382; Massachusetts \$18,499,204 and Illinois with \$15,068,534. Beneficiaries in foreign countries received \$20,000,000. Persons

in New York city alone are now insured for \$3,212,000,000; Philadelphia is insured for \$916,000,000, Chicago \$486,000,000 and Boston \$419,000,000. In the 40 regular life insurance companies on January 1 last \$14,000,000,000 was in force.

SEALERS IMPRISONED.

Victoria, B. C., May 31.—A letter has been received here from Habarovsk telling of the imprisonment of a Victoria sealer and two American hunters in common with a score of Japanese who were captured by Russians on the Japanese schooner Koyofuchi in Okhotsk sea last August. They were each sentenced to one year and four months' imprisonment for hunting fur seals, though captured on the high sea. The sentences date from February 5 and will be served at Habarovsk.

DIDN'T WANT THE JOB.

No Man Found Willing to Be a Cabinet Officer in Hungary.

Buda Pest, May 31.—The efforts of General Baron Fejervary, formerly Hungarian minister of national defense to form a new cabinet have met with so much opposition that he has been forced to desist. He did not find a single man ready to join a ministry under his presidency.

DENY THE ALLEGATION.

Pullman Car Company Claim They Are Not Common Carriers.

Topeka, Kan., May 31.—The Pullman Car Company, replying to a complaint filed against the company before the state board of railway commissioners, alleging excessive rates, declares that the Pullman company is not a common carrier.

ANARCHISTS PLOT

Attempt to Assassinate President Loubet and King Alfonso.

BOMB THROWN AT CARRIAGE

Bomb Exploded Without Injuring the King or President, But Several Soldiers Escorting Carriage, Wounded—Many Arrests Have Been Made.

Paris, May 31.—Anarchists threw a bomb at the royal carriage containing King Alfonso of Spain and President Loubet of France as they were leaving the opera after a gala performance.

The bomb exploded without injuring either the president or king. Several soldiers belonging to the escort were wounded. A large number of arrests were made including persons believed to have been implicated in throwing the bomb, and three persons suspected of complicity in the plot, as the latter were seen under the archway of the Louvre with destructive engines a few minutes before the explosion occurred.

JAPANESE CHARITY.

Prominent Citizen Sends \$5000 to India Sufferers.

Simla, India, May 31.—The Jini Simpo, a newspaper of Tokio, has sent to Lord Curzon \$5000 for the relief of sufferers in the recent earthquake with an expression of sympathy from the people of Japan for those of India, "her well beloved ally." Lord Curzon, in his reply, gave expression to the Anglo-Indian administration for Japanese chivalry and heroism, declaring that recent events would not fail to draw the two peoples closer together.

LOOKING FOR THE POLE.

Various Expeditions Taking on Supplies for the Frozen North.

Tromsøe, Norway, May 31.—The arctic steamer Terra Nova has arrived here and will proceed next week to the relief of the Zeigir expedition on the America, which is supposed to be at Franzjosehand.

The members of the duke of Orleans expedition have arrived here also. His steamer is coaling preparatory to sailing for the island of Novaya Zembla, where she will take on board sled dogs, etc.

AVOID SCANDAL

Reward Offered for Stolen Letters.

TO PREVENT SENSATION

Offer \$60,000 Reward, Ostensibly for Recovery of Jewelry by Wealthy Family.

SKELTON IN THE CLOSET

Thousands of Dollars' Worth of Stock Certificates Stolen, But in Comparison to Private Letters Taken at the Same Time Are Insignificant.

New York, May 31.—Offers of a \$100,000 reward are published here today for the return of a packet of letters said to have been stolen from a wealthy family who probably will never be mentioned in the affair unless a scandal should arise from an expose of the letters' contents.

Incidentally it is hoped to recover \$50,000 worth of jewels and many thousands of dollars worth of stock certificates which were stolen at the same time as the letters, but in comparison with the letters, the loss of jewelry is considered insignificant.

Every effort has been made to keep the affair secret. Some time between March 31 and a few days ago an old-fashioned mahogany chest was stolen from a safe where it was kept for many years and held as the most valuable of the possessions of the women members of the family. A scandal in the form of a family skeleton hidden for 15 years from the head of the household was said to have formed the basis of the theft which is believed to have grown out of a new romance in the family. The detectives at work on the case say they confidently believe that the son of the household is the thief for whom they are looking. He is only about 33 years old, a graduate of one of the leading universities.

His motive is believed to be the necessity of maintaining the appearance of having a large income during his engagement to a wealthy young society woman. His own family are opposed to the match and have limited his allowance; hence his desire to acquire funds.

JAPANESE ORDER SUPPLIES.

Big Contract Awarded to Several New York Firms.

New York, May 31.—Contracts amounting to fully \$5,000,000, calling for shipment with all dispatch of electrical equipment, machines and tools, have been placed in this market on Japanese account. The orders were mostly closed by the New York representatives of Japanese firms. The machinery is for installation in the principal government shipyards and arsenals. Because of the inauguration of a war tax ranging from 5 per cent to 10 per cent on various foreign equipments entering Japan after July 1, most of the orders call for shipments overland to the Pacific coast.

BRUTALITY OF OFFICERS.

Russian Sailors Desert Ship and Swim Ashore on French Coast.

Victoria, B. C., May 31.—Mail advices from Hong Kong tell of a liberal transaction of neutrality by the French police, who captured three deserters from the Russian battleship Borodino, who swam ashore 65 miles south of Kamranh bay because, as they claimed of the brutality of their officers.

The three men took passage for Saigon on a French steamer and were imprisoned on board and turned over to Prince Leven, commander of the in-

terned Russian cruiser Diana on arrival. Considerable indignation was expressed by the press of Saigon and Hong Kong in consequence.

TROUBLE WITH LOG BOOM.

Serious Trouble at St. John, N. B., and Shots Are Fired.

St. John, N. B., May 31.—It is reported in Fredericton that serious trouble has arisen about 12 miles above Grand Falls on the St. John river because of the St. John Lumber Company's log boom. A Canadian lumberman is said to have cut the boom. In the trouble which followed with the Americans, a shot was fired, but by which side is not known.

Van Buren, Me., May 31.—A Canadian log driving contractor blew up with dynamite on Sunday a Sheer boom belonging to Americans on the river St. John, and passed up the river with his boats.

At the next boom he was met by an armed party of Americans and was driven back. The contractor said he was acting under instructions to clear the river for navigation.

They Ought to Get It.

Paris, May 31.—The foreign office absolutely denies the rumor that Dr. Monono, whose government has demanded from France the sum of \$100,000,000 as damage for French breaches of neutrality in connection with the voyage of Admiral Rojestvensky's fleet.

Dalles High School Reunion.

The Dalles, May 31.—Last evening the high school graduates held their annual reunion in Odd Fellows' hall. The banquet was attended by teachers of the public schools and members of the alumni residing in the city, besides a number of nonresidents.

CHANGE IN CABINET

Charles J. Bonapart Appointed Secretary of the Navy.

SECRETARY MORTON RESIGNS

Secretary Shaw Has Indicated His Intention of Retiring From the Cabinet and Secretary Moody Has Consented to Remain Eighteen Months.

Washington, May 31.—President Roosevelt today authorized the announcement that Charles J. Bonapart of Baltimore will be appointed secretary of the navy to succeed Paul Morton, who earlier in the day stated that he would retire on July 1, so as to go to New York to take charge of plans for the construction of the subway system for operation in connection with the surface lines.

The president also authorized the statement that another change in the personnel of the cabinet was likely to take place in the near future. Secretary Shaw has already indicated his intention of retiring from the cabinet, probably next February. Rumors of the retirement of Attorney General Moody has been published but it is understood to be his intention now to continue in the cabinet for a year and a half and perhaps longer. To all except Roosevelt's closest friends and advisers the announcement of the selection of Bonapart as the head of the navy comes as a distinct surprise, although it has been determined upon by the president for some time in anticipation of Morton's retirement. In all the gossip he has never been suggested as Morton's possible successor.

ALLEGATION DENIED.

Mrs. James Brown Potter Denies That Money Was Left Her.

London, May 31.—Counsel representing Mrs. James Brown Potter sent a letter to newspapers today saying there is no truth in the statement that Alfred Fossick had left her money.