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PETROPAVLOVSK SANK NOT ALONE IN BATTLE STRIFE BUT WAS ACCOMPANIED TO THE DEPTHS BY THE VESTRASHNI

Now Believed That Japanese Torpedo Carried Its Dread Call to Death Instead of Floating Mine-Torpedo Boat Fought to the Grim and Bitter End.

Death List Grows While Brilliant Capital Shrinks in Trembling Fear of Further Direful News---Reported That Port Arthur's Frowning Walls Are Under State of Siege.

St. Petersburg, April 14.—The news today brings official confirmation of the rumors which were everywhere prevalent in this city last evening that a portentious battle had been fought off Port Arthur. But the first reports minimized the disaster.

The official death list of those who were lost in the sinking of the Petropavlovsk shows that 41 officers and 751 men were sacrificed.

Nor is this all of the day's colomister.

Nor is this all of the day's calamities. It is officially admitted today that the Russian battleship Pobedia, one of the prides of his imperial majesty's navy, was struck by a Japanese shot and sustained great damage, an

almost fatal hole being torn in her side.

The dispatch carries the additional information that the Russian torpedo boat Vest-... rashni was surrounded and sunk by Japanese war vessels and that but five of the boat's crew were saved. The usual reticence is maintained regarding the number of men aboard at the time of the disaster, but it is presumable that the loss will exceed 50 lives.

Anxiety is marked at the war bureau today, which leads to the surmise that even this tremendous casualty list and blow to Russian arms may not yet be fully given out. It is unquestionably true that the bureau yesterday gave out its information in piecemeal, hoping thus to temper the public to the shock.

There is a report current here today, which in the minds of the people lends dignity to death. It is to the effect that the Petropavlovsk went to the bottom not through contact with a floating Russian mine, but pierced by a Japanese torpedo. Murmurs are beginning to be heard that the war department is concealing this news with the hope of minimizing the Japanese skill in naval warfare.

The question now asked on every hand is, "Have we been told all?" Trained newspaper men here believe the details are being withheld and that the possibilities are that in addition to the losses stated it will sooner or later be known that the entering wedge has been driven, presaging the downfall of the Port Arthur stronghold.

The stealthy, adroit and apparently inactive policy on the part of the Japanese has without doubt given way to one of immense belligerency. It is therefore predicted that, like a hour who has measured his antagonist's defense. In now planning to strike blow after

boxer who has measured his antagonist's defense, Japan is now planning to strike blow after

Today Russia shares this apprehension and with trembling tensity awaits a further onslaught. It may become the desperate defiance of despair.

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(Journal Special Service.)

pomp, of the great Russian empire, to-day presents but a desolate appearance. A driving storm prevails and huris its chips of ice and sleety snow into the pallid faces of a people whose bearing

depicts sadness.
In marked contrast with yesterday, In marked contrast with yesterday, there is no retinue of seekers after news following an officer whose Sphinx-like lips refuse to impart information. The worst is known. It spells defeat.

While yesterday those who have friends, relatives and loved ones in the far eastern navy struggled before the grim barred doors of the war office seeking news which would tell them that for the present their own had not been hursed to death in the pitiless may of

fort to the stricken, information to the anxious and hope for the terrorised.

Courageous as these people be, the shock of yesterday's reverses seems for

people from seeking further news.

storm have not driven and debarred the the members of his crew at the celebrat people from seeking further news. The early morning newspapers had commenced, the official report of the brought details of the catastrophe. The loss of life in the sinking of the torenlightened hastened to buy them, while pedo-boat Vestrashni added to the scope

PEOPLE FEAR A

St. Petersburg, April 14.—This city, and besought passersby to read them even more sorrowful, the capital, not only in power but in aloud to them. Unlike the American newspapers, which in times like these would publish lists of dead and wounded, the Russian press today carries no in-formation on these points that are so

vital to the many.

The papers unanimously deplore the disaster and try to excuse Makaroff and the other officers by recalling the col-lision between the English battleships Victoria and Camperdown during man-cuvers in the Mediterranean a few years ago, in which nearly the entire crew of the Victoria was lost.

friends, relatives and loved ones in the far eastern navy struggled before the grim barred doors of the war office seeking news which would tell them that for the present their own had not been hurled to death in the pitless maw of war, today there is but a little cluster of anxious ones waiting in apathetic silence for further details.

Officials are Unyielding.

Not more stern and unyielding are those sentinels who, fur-muffled and heavily booted, pace steadily backward and forward in front of the imperial palace gates, than the grim officials who answer inquiries at the offices of the ministry. The ominous silence of the morth, which seems born and bred into these children of the "Little Father," broods over all, declining comfort to these children of the "Little Father," broods over all, declining comfort to the stricken, information to the explaints and hone for the targeted.

Bussian Officers Take that

Russian Officers Take Oath.

It is cited that Russian officers have taken a solemn oath, in case the for-tunes of war favor their side and enshock of yesterday's reverses seems for taken a solemn oath, in case the forthe term to have whipped from them the fighting spirit which impelled their fierce forefathers to struggle on when conquered and disarmed.

The sense of desolution comes not from streets deserted, but from the very air, which seems polgnant with the monnings of unrest. Not from deserted and ecowardly act.

A solemn requiem mass was said to streets because even the terrors of the day noon for Vice-Admiral Makaroff and longer be with that spirit which has

moanings of unrest. Not from deserted A solemn requiem mass was said to-streets, because even the terrors of the day noon for Vice-Admiral Makaroff and

the ignorant parted with their pennies of the requiem and made the occasion

The caar arrived early and was fol lowed by almost all the government of-ficials and army and navy officers in the city. His majesty looked pale and wan and plainly showed the effects of sleepless nights and worried days. He with bowed head during the service and seemed in constant prayer. His de stricken to the heart.

Duke Cyril on Leave. The Grand Duke Boris has been or-

dered to bring his brother, the Grand Duke Cyril, home, as soon as the lat-ter's wounds will permit his making the

Cyril, as one of the few survivors of were lost nor the real cause of the ter-the wreck, promises to be lionized when rific explosion which practically de-

Private dispatches received here from Port Arthur show a remarkable loss of heart among the defending forces of the city. Russian superstition has taken

longer be with that spirit which has been the glory of Russian arms for many nturies and has made the flerce dash of the Cossack famous since the days

One dispatch in pessimistic vein ex-



An Appalling Catastrophe Aboard U. S. Battleship Missouri.

row is felt in every heart and every

home in this quiet city by the sea. Out in the sunnt bay are anchored WATERO souri. Flags are at half-mast and about the decks of the vessels men on duty walk with bowed heads.

The Missouri, aboard which lie in cold death 29 officers and men of the American navy, rests in the berth fartherest from shore. She is the cynosure for all eyes and

the objective point of every discussion. Now and then can be seen a dispatch boat piloted from the ship's white sides to either the Texas or the Brooklyn.

At noon today a launch shot out from the port side of the Missouri, and came speedily to shore. Aboard were Rear-Admiral Baker of the squadron, and Captain William S. Cowles, who commanded the Missouri yesterday when the terrible accident occurred which brought

such appalling death. Admiral Barker Talks.

"I have ordered a board of survey to investigate, to the minutest detail, the cause of the disaster and the facts lead-ing up to it," said the admiral in answer to a request for a statement. "Until the inquiry is finished," con-tinued Admiral Barker, "I am not at lib-

erty to discuss the sad affair.' of this capital from peasant to peer were thrown into a high state of excitement With this, the two officers walked slowly up the pier and into the city, cipher telegrams were sent to the naval department at Washington. At 2 o'clock this afternoon Lieutenant it cannot be ascertained how many lives were lost nor the real cause of the ter-Hammer, the ordnance officer of the Misouri, came ashore and when interviewed, said that in advance of an orficial report of an investigating board he could only give to the public such

the rooms of the building the son of details as appeared on the surface immediately after the accident and from superficial inquiry today.

Lieutenant Hammer seemed overcome debris of the wrecked house.

So urgent are the authorities in endeavoring to keep the tragic matter to any officer on duty at the time of the

Story of Death.

Continuing, he said: "Target prac-tice had been in progress nearly an hour pers had already issued their papers in the street. The proprietors were comyesterday afternoon. In fact but three shells had been fired and a fourth was in progress of being loaded.

"At that time there were five officers in the turret and 15 enlisted men. Nine men were employed in the handling cautioned them against the practice, re-Three dispatches had also been sent count of the disaster. These were later denied by government officials, but the fact remains that the building was blown up by dynamite this morning and men were employed in the handling room beneath the turret.

"In loading, it is necessary to place the charges in the gun in three sections. It being a 12-inch gun that was being (Continued on Page Eight.)

that several if not two-score of lives

Republicans Are Selecting Their Standard Bearers.

Interest Chiefly Centered in Minor Caucuses Over Legislative and Judicial Places---Will Finish Their Work Tonight.

that Judge Moore should be renominate without opposition. Harvey Scott an W. B. Ayer were agreed on for delegates to the national convention.

B. L. Eddy was according to the properties of the convention. Aside from the content over it state dairy and food commissioner, it terest has centered largely in the nomination of members of the legislature circuit judges and district attorney made in the district conventions at the noon hour and after the adjournment. noon hour and after the adjournment h

the afternoon. Many of these or were hotly waged. nomination of district attorney in this county. Sanderson Reed has the support of the machine and this has aroused the resentment of the other canfidates who declare that if Re

didates who declare that if Reed is nominated they will smash the slate.

This means that an active effort will be made to defeat C. W. Hodson for joint senator and the feud will be carried into the campaign. Reed, opponents say that if he is nominated, John Manning will receive enough Republican votes to elect him and that Stott, the Republican nomines for sheriff, will also be knifed and that either stores or the Democratic nomines for

sheriff will be elected.

Reed's nomination will also probably have an effect on the judicial nomina-

The Morning Session.

Like a well-oiled machine, the Republican state convention, half an hour after it was called to order at 10 o'clock this morning. In the Empire theatre, Water began creeping over the Ash street dock this morning, and by night it is expected that the lower floor will be completely covered. All the freight by seconds

by evening. Pursuant to an agreement reached last night, the convention was called to order by Harrison Allen of Astoria, result. At the foot of Washington street the gauge shows the rise is 14.5 feet above the low water mark, and at the rate the river is rising it is believed secretary of the state central com tes. Chairman Frank C. Baker was to have called the convention to order, but was absent because of illness. The first order of business was the selection of a chairman, and also in that several of the lower floors of the docks will be flooded by tomorrow after-

hoon. At least the occupants are providing for such an emergency, and are
losing no time in removing all perishable goods.

Harbormaster Ben Biglin is keeping
in close touch with the situation, and is
no lose touch with the situation, and is
supplied that every presention be taken to urging that every precaution be taken to guard against any damage being done by the flood. He was at all the docks this morning, but says that the prompt measures which are being taken to get the freight to places of safety will probably mean that no great losses will be experienced. He reports that some of the wood yards and other business firms are inclined to disregard the city ordinary inclined to disregard the city ordinary inclined to disregard the city ordinary.

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Who Is the Man With the Money?

MIDSHIPMAN W. E. T. NEWMAN.

Hotel Nord, St. Peters-

burg, Destroyed—Cas-

ualties Concealed.

(Journal Special Service.) St. Petersburg, April 14.-The people

by the dynamite outrage which occurred in the palatial Hotel Nord this morning.

stroyed the hotel building.
It is known, however, that in one of

quiet that every newspaper in the city was forbidden mentioning the matter.

The edict came too late, as several pa-

pelled to call back every number that

abroad in Europe giving only a brief ac-

could be found.

So carefully have the details of the affair been kept secret by the police that

Where will he come from, that mysterious man with The Journal's \$50 who on Saturday evening between . the hours of 5 and 7 o'clock will be found on Washington street between Third and Sixth?

of Lipman & Wolfe's or Feldenheimer's or any other place between the points named. All that is known is that he surely will come out; that he will walk up or down the street; that he will stay within the boundaries named; that he will have the money on his person and that he will give it to the individual who asks him the question and makes the reply he seeks.

Indeed for the real pleasure of the thing this is all that it is necessary for anybody to know. This verybody now knows; it is all that anybody knows, for everybody will have precisely the same chance to The whole thing is intended for the benefit of the whole public, with favoritism to no one and an equal

chance for everybody. Therefore, be on hand Saturday evening and look for the man, for it is just as likely as not that ye may be the lucky person to capture the \$50.

ROCKEFELLER IS A MIGHTY POWER

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MIDSHIPMAN THOMAS WARD, JR.

One Dock Is Submerged

and Rivers Are

Rising.

be completely covered. All the freight

has been removed, and no damage will

oon. At least the occupants are pro-

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

San Francisco, Aprill 14.—At the request of E. H. Harriman, H. E. Huntington has consented to serve as a director of the Southern Pacific Railroad company and was so elected at the meeting of the company stockholders yesterday at Beechmont, Kentucky.

The other directors chosen were George Jay Gould, W. D. Cornish, E. H. Harriman, A. K. Vandeventer, Maxwell Evarta, Charles H. Tweed, Edwin Hawley, James H. Hyds, Otto H. Kahn, D. O. Mills, Winslow S. Pierce, James Stillman, James Speyer and Jacob H. Schiff, This directorate shows that John D. Rockefeller, Kuhn, Loeb & Co. and the Speyers hold a predominant influence in the financial manuscast of the control a line having an individual terminus on the Pacific company calls from prominent financiers the expression that the truth was fixted that Rockefeller and his eye on the Northern Pacific company should in last Saturday's dispatches when it was fixted that Rockefeller and his eye on the Northern Pacific company's lines.

A prominent railroad official who is in this city today, having traveled in this private car from New York City, said the interviewed at the Palace hotel.

"I. cannot allow my name to be used in this important discussion, but I believe with many others that John D. Rockefeller, Kuhn, Loeb & Co. and the Speyers hold a predominant influence in the first that the truth was fixed that the crycession that the truth was fixed that Rockefeller had his eye on the Northern Pacific company when it was fixed that Rockefeller had his eye on the Northern Pacific company when it was fixed that Rockefeller had his eye on the Northern Pacific company when it was fixed that Rockefeller had his eye on the Northern Pacific company when it was fixed that the truth was fixed that the truth was fixed that the truth was fixed that the proposition of the company when it was fixed that the truth was fixed that the proposition of the company when it was fixed th

CARMEN'S STRIKE (Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
San Francisco, April 14.—W. D. Situation until he is thoroughly familiar Mahon, president of the Amalgamated Association of Street Railroad Employes, that there is scarcely any doubt but Association of Street Railroad Employes, arrived in this city late last night on the overdue overland train and was met upon arrival by President Cornelius and two members of the executive beard of the carmen's union.

The local union leaders then spent several hours going over the situation with Mr. Mahon, whose visit is expected to have a very important bearing on the action of the local union.

According to the laws of the national association, a strike cannot be called until the local union secures the consent of the parent organization.

that there is scarcely any doubt but that a strike will be called within a short time. This statement is borne out by every action of, the employes, who appear to be trying to gain time.

As matters stand, the railroad company officials are continually introducing green hands, who are instructed by company bosses, for the purpose of being ready for the strike that they believe will come not later than May 1.

It is said on every hand here that should the strike be ordered it is sure to spread to many other vocations and trades.

Nobody knows-not even The Journal. He may come out of Olds, Wortman & King's, he may come out