

GOOD EVENING.
The Weather.
Tonight and Tuesday, partly cloudy; winds mostly northwesterly.

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RUSSIAN SQUADRON CRUSHINGLY DEFEATED BY JAPANESE FOURTEEN SHIPS SUNK OR CAPTURED IN KOREAN STRAITS

GREAT VICTORY IS WON BY FLEET UNDER TOGO

Tokio Officially Announces that Rojstvensky's Fleet of Warships is Practically Annihilated.

Muscovite Flagship and Many Other Vessels Sunk or Captured—Battle Is Still Progressing With the Japanese in Pursuit.

(Journal Special Service.)
Tokio, May 20.—A battle begun Saturday afternoon in the Korean straits between the Japanese fleet under Togo and the Russian Baltic fleet under Rojstvensky is still in progress. The Japanese are pursuing the Russian warships, which are widely scattered. Russian losses reported up to this evening are 14 vessels sunk or captured, besides numerous torpedo boats and destroyers. The Japanese loss is reported to be three cruisers and twelve destroyers. Eight captains of the destroyed Russian vessels drowned with the sinking ships. More than 3,000 members of the Russian crews have been taken prisoners.

When Rojstvensky entered the straits of Tsushima Saturday afternoon he was immediately engaged by waiting Japanese ships. The battle has been continuous ever since, the Japanese picking off Russian vessels one at a time. The scene of battle has shifted north to the Oku islands, nearly 200 miles from where fighting was begun Saturday. It is reported that only a portion of the Russian squadron entered the Korean straits, the slower-going vessels moving out into the Pacific to the east of Japan.

Following is the report concerning the fate of the Russian vessels: Battleships Borodino, Alexander III, flagship Kniaz Souvaroff; armored cruisers Dmitri Donkoi, Admiral Nakhimoff, Vladimir, Monomakh; protected cruisers Svetlana; Jemchug; coast defense ironclad Admiral Oushakoff; sunk: ironclads Senavin and General Admiral Apraxine, battleships Orel and Nicholas, captured.

It is officially announced this afternoon that Rojstvensky's fleet is practically annihilated.

(Journal Special Service.)
Tokio, May 20.—(Bulletin.)—A late report says that Rear Admiral Nebogotoff has been captured. It is estimated that 3,000 Russians have been taken prisoners.

London, May 20.—(Bulletin.)—A Central News dispatch from St. Petersburg states that the Russian flagship, the Muscovite, has been sunk and the admiral wounded.

(Journal Special Service.)
London, May 20.—The Central News is authority for the statement that the naval battle between Admiral Togo and the ships of Rojstvensky's squadron was still progressing at nightfall Monday, the Japanese pursuing the fleeing Russian warships. Messages from Tokio announce that official reports state that the Russian losses are 14 vessels sunk or captured. According to a private telegram which the Central News quotes the Japanese lost three cruisers and 12 torpedo boats and destroyers, which were either sunk or disabled.

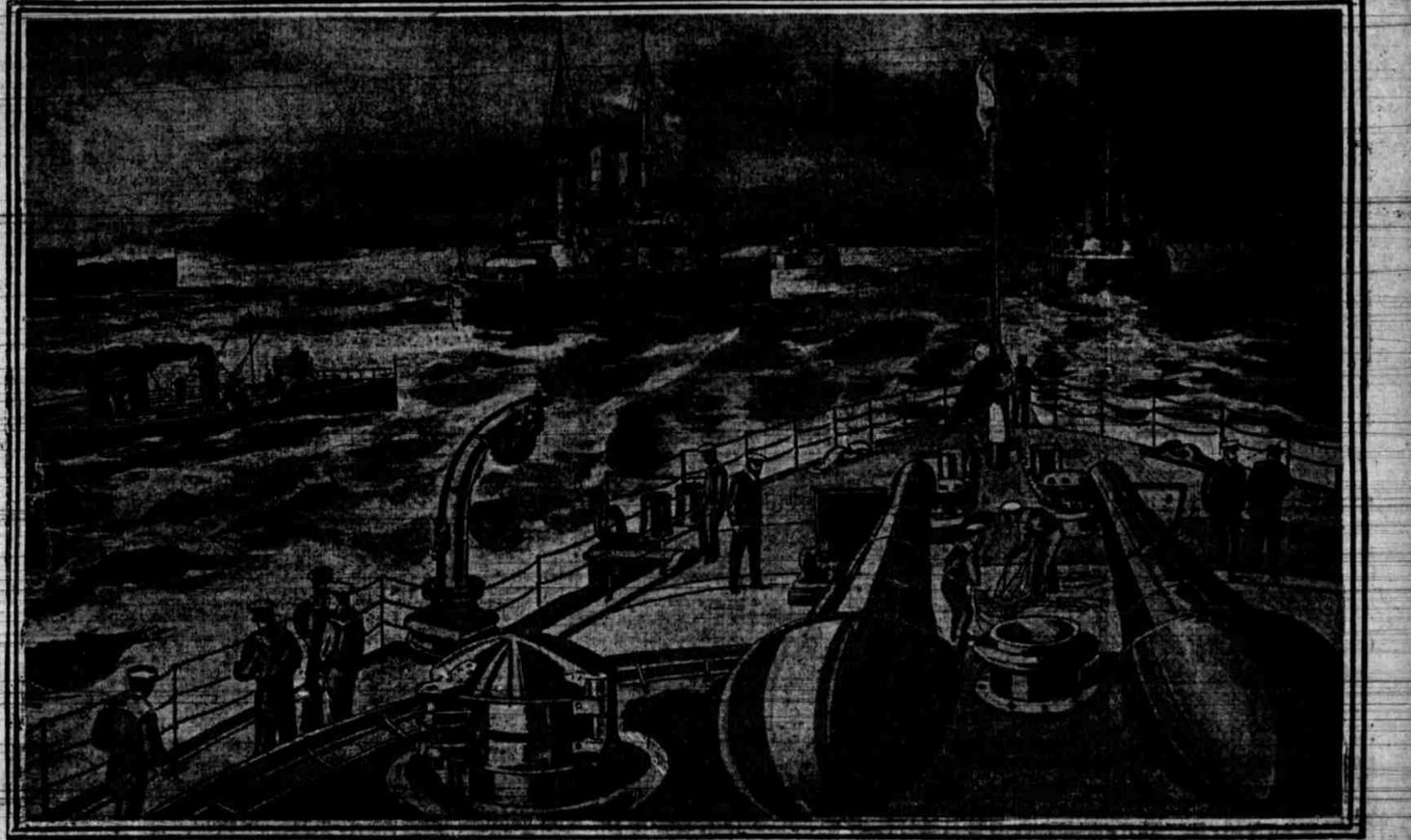
Eight captains on Russian vessels which were destroyed in the battle during the sinking ships. The crews rescued from the water were made prisoners. During the battle firing was plainly heard on all sides. Scenes of the wildest excitement are being enacted by the victory-crazed and enthusiastic populace. Admiral Togo's complete report is awaited with feverish impatience.

The battle began Saturday in the straits of Tsushima, when the Japanese fleet engaged the Baltic squadron by Togo in his attack on the ships of the fleet.

On the morning of May 27 the Russian fleet appeared in the Tsu straits, entering the channel between Tsu Island and Kiushiu, where the Japanese fleet was awaiting them. Cannonading immediately began. The Japanese fol-

AS H. W. SCOTT SAW FRANCHISES THEN

When the charter board was in session and the subject of franchises was under discussion, H. W. Scott, who was one of the members, had this to say: "The next proposition is that the city shall expressly reserve the right to go into these various lines of business on its own account, at the expiration of the terms of these franchises. Now, I do not want the city to extend its functions to these branches of business, nor to hold out the promise or hope that it will do so. In my judgment, strict limitations of the functions of government is as sound a principle as it ever was. It is admitted that the city must supply water, for nobody can live without water, and in a city a full supply of water is an absolute necessity of life and sanitation.



Part of Rojstvensky's Fleet, Reported Destroyed in a Battle With Togo's Ships of War.

PATHETIC NOTE IN SUICIDE'S POCKET

State Owes Naught but Burial in Potter's Field to Life-Long Cripple.

DENNIS BLANK WRITES AND DRINKS DEADLY ACID

Nothing Known of Man Who Took His Life at Albers Dock Today.

"Crippled for life, homeless, friendless, hopeless, without the means of sustenance, unable to earn our own living at the kind of work we've been used to, we are at the end of our means and the future looks dark and gloomy to us. Hope is dead within us. When times were different and we had money we spent it not wisely but too freely. We are now reaping the consequences. But let us not repine at such a late hour. The state does not owe us a living, but it does owe us a burial in the potter's field. This is all." (Signed) "DENNIS BLANK."

"We have got no relatives or even acquaintances in this city. We have been dead to what few relatives we have for a score of years or more. May just as well continue so."

In an envelope addressed "To Whom It May Concern," the letter was found on an unidentified man who committed suicide on the Albers dock, Fremont and Lovejoy streets, at 5 o'clock this morning. He had swallowed carbolic acid and died in the patrol wagon.

Nothing is known here of the man aside from what his letter tells. Otto Brandes, an employe of the Albers Milling company, discovered him lying on the dock, and notified headquarters.

In his pockets were found a bottle of benzine, a bottle containing a little carbolic acid and the letter.

The man was apparently 50 years of age. At police headquarters the name of Dennis Blank was placed on the records, though it is presumed to be fictitious.

HEARS ARGUMENTS IN MINNIE HEALY CASE

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Helena, May 20.—Arguments were heard in the supreme court today on the motion of the Amalgamated Copper company for a rehearing in the noted Minnie Healy case recently decided in favor of Helms. Each side was given an hour and their lawyers made forceful addresses, dwelling particularly upon Mrs. Healy's connection with the case. The matter was taken under advisement.

SMELTER MILLIONAIRE DYING.

(Journal Special Service.)
Omaha, May 20.—The condition of E. W. Nash, the smelter millionaire, is not so favorable today. It is not believed he will recover.

WHY DOES MAYOR WILLIAMS DODGE THESE QUESTIONS?

One week ago The Journal asked a number of questions of Mayor Williams relative to the Tanner creek sewer scandal. These questions the mayor ignored. In all his pretended explanations of that iniquitous job Mayor Williams has studiously dodged all reference to his own personal responsibility for the acceptance of the sewer and his persistent disregard of the protests of the property-owners.

Once more the mayor is asked to answer these questions:

1. When the protest of a responsible property-owner against the acceptance of the Tanner creek sewer was read before the executive board, October 21, 1904, alleging gross defects and offering to bear the expense of an investigation, did you not declare emphatically "that the matter had been delayed long enough and that the contractor ought to have his money?"
2. At the same meeting, after the protest had been referred to committee and the attorney-for-the-protestant had left the room, did not the executive board, with your approval, reconsider its action and accept the sewer?
3. At the same meeting did not the executive board refuse to accept the action of the Rivers for the construction of another sewer on the ground that although theirs was the lowest bid the rumors about the Tanner creek sewer were such as to make it inadvisable to let any more work to them?
4. Did you not thereafter publicly and privately oppose the action of the council in ordering an investigation of the Tanner creek sewer, declaring that the action of the executive board ought to be final and that the council had no jurisdiction in the matter?
5. After two independent expert investigations had conclusively established the defects in the sewer and the culpable responsibility of the city engineer, William C. Elliott, did you not write to him in the following terms:

TROOPS MAY KEEP SALOON DOORS SHUT

Folk Plans to Enforce Sunday Closing by Stationing Militiamen at Doors.

(Journal Special Service.)
St. Louis, May 20.—Governor Folk is said to have made up his mind to send the state militia to St. Louis next Sunday to enforce the Sunday closing law against saloons and liquor shops. It is the plan to send battery A to St. Louis, next Saturday night and to place four men at each saloon, two at the front and two at the rear door from midnight Saturday until midnight Sunday.

The law was openly and flagrantly violated in St. Louis county yesterday but no arrests were made. Practically every saloon in the county except at Delmar and at Meramec Highlands sold liquor freely. In the city several arrests were made. For violating the closing law it is charged that many saloons did back door business under police protection.

Liquor men are openly boasting that the "lid is off" and that the decision of the court of criminal correction rendered Saturday to the effect that the excise commissioner cannot revoke a license without a trial by jury, robs Governor Folk of the only weapon he had to enforce the order.

MINERS' CONVENTION DOES NOT REACH VOTE

(Journal Special Service.)
Salt Lake, May 20.—A vote was not reached here today in the convention of the Western Federation of Miners on the question of breaking away from the Gompers and Mitchell factions and joining the Industrial Union movement. Speeches from many delegates denounced the American Federation and favored the complete breaking away.

CONSUMPTION CURED BY MIXTURE OF OILS

Ninety-Nine Out of a Hundred Patients Cured by Use of New Discovery.

(Journal Special Service.)
New York, May 20.—Dr. Oscar M. Leiser, who announced during the latter part of last year that he had discovered a cure for consumption, said yesterday that eight months' use of the remedy which he administered by inhalation had increased his confidence in it. The doctor has revealed the ingredients of the remedy. It is a combination of oils and the ingredients are: oil of eucalyptus, pine needle oil and hydrocarbon oil.

The oils are prepared by a process discovered by C. H. Benson, a chemist, who has made the cure of consumption a lifelong study. There is nothing secret about the process, and Dr. Leiser says it will be made known to anybody who can show a legitimate reason for wanting to learn what it is.

"We have treated 100 sufferers from the disease since we began," Dr. Leiser said. "Of these patients, only one has died. The tuberculosis germs have entirely disappeared from 25 and about 40 have been able to resume their several occupations. We have relieved the remainder to such an extent as give us great hope. Several of my professional friends are using the remedy with considerable success."

OHIO SOCIALISTS MEET.

(Journal Special Service.)
Columbus, O., May 20.—A state convention of the Socialist party opened in this city today with delegates on hand from more than two-score organizations. The purpose of the convention, which will continue over tomorrow, is to set plans for the coming state campaign.

WOOL HIGHER THAN FOR PAST 25 YEARS

Farmers in Oregon Rejoice at the Great Eastern and Foreign Demand.

E. Y. Judd, president of the Pendleton Woolen Mills, and a member of the firm of H. C. Judd & Hood, wool dealers of Hartford and Boston, is in the city. Mr. Judd occupies the peculiar position of wool dealer and wool manufacturer. Wool growers will make more money this season than they have in any in the past 25 years, according to Mr. Judd. In Oregon wool is selling 40 per cent higher than it did a year ago. Then it was worth 12 cents a pound; now it is worth 20 cents.

"The price of wool has gone up," he said, "and may go higher."

"Many of the growers contracted for their wool too soon to receive the full advantage of the advance, but a majority held long enough to realize the full benefit. The increase is due to the fact that a number of eastern buyers have purchased all the wool they could get. There has also been a great demand from the foreign market."

MORE LUMBER WORKERS LOCKED OUT IN CHICAGO

(Journal Special Service.)
Chicago, May 20.—Drivers for a number of additional lumber companies were locked out today in accordance with the decision of the Lumbermen's association. All members of the association but one are now hauling with nonunion drivers. Efforts to involve box manufacturers in the lockout failed.

AMERICA CAPTURES THE KAISER'S CUP

Captain Barr Pilots Yacht Atlantic to Victory in Big Race.

REACHES DESTINATION AT EARLY HOUR TODAY

Quick Time Made Results in Committee Being Caught Napping.

(Journal Special Service.)
Scully Island, Lighthouse Station, England, May 20.—The American yacht Atlantic, Captain Charles Barr commanding, owned by Wilson Marshall, station here at 9:45 o'clock this morning and is apparently the winner of the Kaiser's cup. The vessel made a fine appearance under a brisk southwest breeze. She should reach the Lizard, the goal, at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

Fatal rocks lie about a mile from the coast just on the edge of the 20-fathom line, and are barely visible except at low water. The only friendly warnings to the mariner are two lighthouses, with fixed lights, elevated 200 feet above the sea, and visible 24 miles, but in thick or boisterous weather, notwithstanding the beacon, many fine ships, bravely commanded and adequately manned, have gone to their doom there. No lightship is outside to act as a guide.

High up on the cliffs is the Marconi wireless telegraph station, which has warned many ocean liners since it has been established, but it will be of no use to the sailing yachts, which will not be equipped with wireless apparatus.

"They must run in and report to shore. No one will be on board them to acknowledge their arrival and signaling to the government station will be their only resort."

There are 17 boats that made the start in the race from Highlands on May 17, the start having been delayed one day on account of the weather. The run, therefore, has been made in less than 12 days. The ocean cup will be given by the Kaiser personally to the winner at Kiel, at the beginning of Kiel week.

The Atlantic is a three-masted schooner and, with all her kites drawing, she spreads nearly 30,000 square feet of canvas. She was built from designs by Gardner and Cox in 1903. She is 185 feet over all, 135 feet on the water line, 29 feet 3 inches beam and 15 feet draft. The Atlantic, which is coming steamer report, as probably the second in the race, is a German representative. She was formerly the schooner Rainbow, and was built in 1898 by Henderson at Glasgow.

Either the Endymion or the Atlas will be third, according to accounts received by wireless. Both are American vessels, the former a schooner of 718 tons burden and 167 feet in length, owned by George Lauder, Jr., and the latter a schooner of 718 tons burden and 167 feet in length, owned by George Lauder, Jr., and the latter is owned at Kiel, at the beginning of Kiel week.

GOVERNOR MACDOUGALL DEAD.

(Journal Special Service.)
Winnipeg, Manitoba, May 20.—Hon. William Macdougall, first provincial governor of Manitoba, died today.