

# JAPANESE LOSE FIVE VESSELS

This is a Synopsis of a Dispatch Received by Russian Consul at Hong Kong.

ROJESTVENSKY SAID TO HAVE OUTWITTED TOGO.

Bogus and Misleading Dispatches Threw Japanese Admiral Far Off the Track Necessary to Intercept the Russian Fleet Where the Greatest Damage Might Have Been Inflicted Upon It—Japanese Naval Forces Are Now Widely Scattered—Prison Governor Was Shot at Nine Times.

Hang Kong, April 10.—It is reported here that two sections of the rival fleets clashed near Singapore this morning, and that Togo lost five vessels. The rumor originated in a dispatch received by the Russian consul. Hong Kong pilots who have gone to navigate Japanese vessels through the straits have been offered high pay.

### Outwitted Togo.

St. Petersburg, April 10.—What amounts almost to a conviction that the turning point of the war may be near, pervades the capital, based upon the definite news that Vice-Admiral Rojestyensky has succeeded in getting into the open China sea without a fight and without a breakdown. All classes are willing to claim Rojestyensky's ability to outmaneuver Togo if they meet on anything like equal terms.

The plan of Rojestyensky's operations is made clear in the light of the sensation which this feat has made.

The danger of the fleet being beset by the warships of the deep in the narrow waters which divide the breastwork of islands of the Malay archipelago and the possible damage to the big ships in the coming encounter with Vice-Admiral Togo's fleet was so great that some of the naval experts actually favored a route around Australia.

The credit for the strategy by which the feat was accomplished, belongs solely to Vice-Admiral Rojestyensky, who accurately judged that, as the Malay strait was the most practicable and the most direct route, the Japanese would calculate that he would not dare force a passage there.

### Clever Ruse Deceives Togo.

Besides this, Rojestyensky planned a stratagem to deceive the Japanese, with the secret of which only two men in St. Petersburg were entrusted, by directing the Russian admiral to order the coilers which were to follow him to rendezvous in the Sunda straits, 500 miles south of Singapore, feeling sure that the Japanese intelligence department would be equal as it probably was, to the task of ascertaining the destination of Rojestyensky. He thereby not only threw the Japanese off the scent, but officially deceived his own admiral, where the news that the fleet had passed Singapore created quite as much surprise as it did in the marine department at Tokio. Several coilers were actually dispatched for the rendezvous and some had already fallen into the hands of the Japanese, but Rojestyensky deliberately sacrificed them as pawns in a bigger game.

The ruse worked, as is apparent from the fact that Rojestyensky's fleet did not meet a single Japanese ship in the Straits of Malacca, while dispatches from Batavia tell of Sunda, Bali, Lombok, Flores and other straits to be southward being crowded with Japanese torpedo boats guarding the passages.

Although there is some talk of a possibility of Vice Admiral Rojestyensky now putting in at Saigon, it is not believed that further advantage of French neutrality will be taken unless he is forced to do so because of the condition of some of his ships.

### Baltic Fleet in China Sea.

Singapore, April 10.—The British steamer Radnorshire, arrived today, reports that at 1:40 yesterday afternoon she sighted the Baltic fleet five miles from Puludamar, one of the Anamba group of islands, lying

farthest southeast, and proceeding towards Polument. The Radnorshire also saw four warships, apparently Japanese, off Cape St. James, French Cochin China, April 7. The Anamba islands are in the China Sea, about 150 miles northeast of Singapore.

### Anchored Near Anamba Islands.

London, April 10.—A dispatch to Lloyds from Singapore, says the steamer Gregory Apitar, just arrived there, reports having passed the Russian fleet at 1 a. m. today, anchored 20 miles northeast of Manki, one of the Anamba islands. There is no confirmation of the report to Reuters that Rojestyensky is not with the squadron.

### Russians Sighted Off Java.

Batavia, Island of Java, April 10.—The Russian squadron sighted near Muntok, is expected to arrive here today. Nothing has been seen here of the Japanese squadron. The Dutch East Indian squadron is now at Tujo East, near Singapore.

### Anarchist Office Discovered.

Odesa, April 10.—The police have unearthed a bomb factory and anarchist printing press. Twenty-seven arrests were made in connection with the discovery.

### Shot at Nine Times.

St. Petersburg, April 10.—Nine shots were fired at the governor of the prison at Libau last night. The governor was not hurt. The assailants escaped.

### Dutch Squadron Sighted.

Batavia, April 10.—The fleet sighted off Muntok proved to be a Dutch squadron which left its former anchorage under secret orders and is now steaming north.

### To Enforce Neutrality.

Manila, April 10.—The cruiser Raleigh and torpedo boat destroyers Barry and Chauncey, and supply ship General Alvado, have been dispatched to patrol the west coast of Palawan Island and enforce neutrality in case of a naval fight off the Philippines. Three other destroyers are preparing to sail.

### Vessels and Cargoes Confiscated.

Nagasaki, April 10.—The Sasebo prize court has rejected the appeal of the captured British steamers Rosely and Lethington. Both vessels and cargoes were confiscated.

## ONLY LEG IRONS ON JEFF DAVIS

### GENERAL MILES GIVES A NEW VERSION OF AFFAIRS.

He Claims That the Confederate President Did Not Have Handcuffs Imposed Upon Him at Fort Monroe, and That the Leg Irons Served Only a Temporary and Emergency Purpose—He Attempts to Vindicate General Grant.

Boston, April 10.—"Neither Lieutenant General Grant nor anyone else even handcuffed Jefferson Davis," said General Miles today in reply to the charges that Davis had been mistreated while the prisoner was in his charge.

"The only irons ever put on Davis were light leg irons put on by civilian employes under orders and instructions from the war department. They were put on while some changes were being made in his quarters, for the purpose of preventing a tragedy; of preventing Davis from injuring himself or any of his guards."

### IS HELD UNCONSTITUTIONAL.

Status of Alaska Differs From That of Philippines and Porto Rico. Washington, April 10.—The supreme court today held the federal law limiting the number of jurors to try criminal cases in Alaska is unconstitutional. The decision gives Alaska different status from the Philippines and Porto Rico, declaring it to be an organized territory in which the constitution of the United States is in force.

### CLARK'S AGENT ARRESTED.

Carrying Concealed Weapons and Also Valuables. New York, April 10.—J. O. Mackey, of Jerome, Mont., claiming to be an agent of Senator Clark, was arrested and arraigned in the Yorkville police court today charged with carrying concealed weapons. He had a package worth \$20,000 in valuable securities. Mackey declared the arrest an outrage and wis discharged.

### Would Shelter the Missionaries.

Boston, Mass., April 10.—It is announced at the headquarters of the American Baptist Missionary Union this afternoon that John D. Rockefeller has offered the board a second \$100,000 to be used for mission buildings in foreign countries.

### SENATOR CLARK INVOLVED IN LAND FRAUDS.

Helena, April 10.—Federal Judge Hunt today set for trial on June 6, the cases against R. M. Cobban and 53 others indicted for perjury and subornation of perjury in connection with Montana land frauds. It is alleged Cobban induced the indicted persons to take up lands and turn them over to him, and that he, as agent for Senator Clark, transferred them to the latter. The government has sued Clark to recover the lands.

## UPPER COLUMBIA TRAFFIC OFFERS LOCAL PROBLEMS

The First Phase of the Question is Whether the O. R. & N. Shall Be Allowed to Monopolize the Carrying Trade.

Shall There Be an Independent Company?—And if so, Shall It Be Financed Partly by the Territory Interested in Lower Freight, or Shall an Exclusive Company Be Allowed to Control It?—Practical Views Advanced by Some of Pendleton's Most Practical and Enterprising Citizens—In Any Event, Upper River Business Should Be Pledged to Independent Lines.

How shall the freight and passenger traffic on the upper Columbia river be handled? Shall an independent line of boats be established to connect with the portage, or shall the O. R. & N. Co. be permitted to control the river also? And should an independent company be formed, shall it be backed by people who are interested in the securing of low rates or by people who have no other motive than to make money out of the enterprise and will consequently charge "all that the traffic will stand?"

The boat proposition is one that the people of the Inland Empire and of Portland must now face, and upon the manner in which the situation is met will largely depend the benefit that is to result from the building of the portage around the falls of Celilo.

### Local Views Concerning It.

W. J. Furnish, when asked this morning as to his views in the matter said: "I believe that by the organization of an independent company only can the full fruits of the portage road be secured. Should the railroad people put on a line of boats and operate them exclusively, the freight monopoly would be the same as at present."

Although he had not considered that phase of the subject, Mr. Furnish also said that he believed Pendleton capital would do its share should a boat company be formed on the right basis and Eastern Oregon aid solicited.

"I rather think Lewiston should take the lead in the matter, since it is the head of navigation on the river," said Senator W. M. Pierce. "However, I believe that should a company be formed under right management, that no difficulty will be had in getting the company financed."

Mr. Pierce gives great credit to J. N. Teel and others of the Open River association, and thinks that should such men as those take the matter up, it will be successfully carried out. However, he does not believe in the

### RUSH TO MT. BAKER.

New Mining Region in the Washington Cascades.

News from the Mt. Baker mining district regarding the big strike near the Lone Jack mine has caused a stampede from all over Western Washington that is destined to rival some of the big rushes in the history of Alaska, says the Seattle Star.

While people in this state have been neglecting the home mineral belts, a few prospectors have been silently at work unearthing vast riches from the mountains that now attract the mining element of the country. A few of the courageous prospectors, who have been overlooking the big claims from the frozen north, have found deposits of gold and other metals in the western slope of the Cascades that, when developed, will place Washington ahead of the big gold districts of the country. Months ago the Star predicted that the Mt. Baker district and a few others in this state would rival Alaska, and this prediction promises to come true long before the local prospectors expected.

Reports from the Mt. Baker district about the big strike show that it is of no small importance. Those who have come from the camps recently say that the rich gold bearing deposits are not confined to one part of the section, but excellent leads are found in the entire district.

### NEW BLOCK SYSTEM.

Northern Pacific Will Install 1300 Miles of Safety Appliances.

Six hundred and thirteen miles of additional block system have been ordered by the Northern Pacific railroad, and construction will be com-

association trying to handle the matter as an organization, but that a separate company should be formed for the purpose, and the company operated along business lines.

T. G. Halley, vice-president of the Commercial National bank, believes that capital to form an independent boat company should be forthcoming from both ends of the line.

"I believe that Portland has even more at stake in the matter than has Eastern Oregon," said he, "for if the tendency of the past year or two continues the wheat of the Inland Empire will soon all be going to Chicago unless cheaper rates are secured to Portland. Consequently, Portland people must take the matter in hand if they wish to retain their position as a wheat shipping port."

Mr. Halley believes that it would not do to allow the railroad company to control the upper river, and that to prevent this an independent line of boats should be established. Also, he regards it as being important to have this company controlled by people who desire the lowest possible rates consistent with the successful management of the company. Otherwise, there is danger in his opinion, of an agreement being made with the railroad people, and thus the present monopoly virtually continued.

"There is one way by which the people of the Inland Empire may greatly help in the establishment of a line of boats on the Upper Columbia, and that is by pledging a boat company their patronage insofar as may be possible," said Senator C. J. Smith.

The doctor is of the opinion that if the merchants of the inland cities and towns would guarantee to give as much business as possible to the boat company, such action would greatly help in financing such a scheme. He is also of the belief that the building of branch railroad lines to the river in order to connect with the boats, will be undertaken in many instances.

mened immediately, says the Oregon Daily Journal. The new work will be done as follows: Minneapolis to Staples, Minn., 131 miles; Livingston to Logan, Mont., 50 miles; Garrison to Dixon, Mont., 118 miles; Spokane to Pasco, 126 miles; Pasco to Ellensburg, 126 miles; Seattle to Tacoma, 42 miles.

The object is to install the latest block signal system on those parts of the main line that carry the heaviest traffic. This program, when completed, will place the Northern Pacific second in the list of American railroads having the largest number of miles of the block signal protection to traffic.

The improvements between Spokane and Ellensburg will give protection to a stretch of main line on which is centered the through traffic of the entire system and of the Burlington-Northern Pacific route, the heavy tonnage of commercial and fuel coal from the Roslyn and Cleburn mines, the eastbound lumber and mill products from the Pacific coast and a very heavy and rapidly increasing local traffic from the movement of agricultural products.

Three years ago the Northern Pacific had no block signal protection except between St. Paul and Minneapolis.

### Yamhill Again.

Duerst Bros., Cotswold breeders of McMinnville, Or., sent us a sample of wool taken from one of their last spring ewe lambs that measures 18 inches. She was 13 months old when the sample was taken.

The receipts of the Aberdeen, Wash., postoffice during the past year were \$3771.35, the increase over the year previous being 44 per cent.

### HAVING STRENUOUS VACATION.

Storm Blows Down Tents in Roosevelt's Camp.

Lawton, Oklahoma, April 10.—A cowboy from the pasture reserve brings the report that a windstorm last night wrecked some of the president's camp, but did no damage. If the program was carried out, the president arose early this morning and led by John Abernathy and several other swift trailers, started on the first of five daily wolf chases. The hunting grounds are big tracts some distance out from Frederick, on the Comanche and Kiowa reservation.

### TRIAL POSTPONED FOR A WEEK.

Nan Patterson's Third Trial Will Begin April 17.

New York, April 10.—Because of delay in the extradition of J. Morgan Smith and wife from Cincinnati, the trial of Nan Patterson, charged with the murder of Caesar Young, was postponed this morning for a week. The counsel for the defense made strong objections to the postponement, but Recorder Goff granted the motion of the district attorney, stating that a week's delay could be no hardship to the prisoner. Miss Patterson was not brought into court. She remained in the Tombs prison.

### EMPLOYING PRINTERS FIGHT.

Organizing Against Eight-hour Day Movement.

Kansas City, April 10.—Several hundred employers of printers from states west of the Mississippi met here today to take steps preliminary to fighting the eight-hour day which the International Typographical Union expects to put in force next January.

The officers of the United Typothetae of America are present at the convention and organized this morning.

### THE POWERS WILL INTERFERE.

They Fear the Movement Will Spread From Crete to the Mainland.

London, April 10.—A dispatch to the Central News from Crete, says that the various consuls at that place have been notified by their governments that "the powers" have decided to actively interfere in the present crisis for fear that similar movements may be started in the Balkans.

## FOUR MAJORITY ON THE COUNCIL

### JUDGE DUNNE GETTING READY FOR MAYORALTY.

Clears the Docket of His Court at His Last Sitting as Judge of the Circuit Court—Believed That the New Mayor Will Be Able to Have Enacted at Least a Moderate Measure Providing for Municipal Ownership of the Traction Lines.

Chicago, April 10.—Judge Edward F. Dunne cleared the docket this morning of the state circuit court, preparatory to his inauguration as mayor of Chicago tonight. The installation will be simple, in accordance with the request of Mayor-elect Dunne.

He will have a bare majority of four aldermen to support him in his municipal ownership plans, but it is believed that this is sufficient to enable him to pass any reasonable measure looking in that direction. The attitude of the council is favorable toward allowing Dunne to make a fair test of public ownership of the traction lines.

### PUR TO DEATH IN SING SING.

Young Man Who Choked His Wife to Death by Shoestrapping.

Ossining, N. Y., April 10.—The last execution in the old death house at Sing Sing prison took place this morning. In future the executions will take place in the new death chamber, which is fast approaching completion.

Today's victim of the electric chair was Martin Ebel, a young teamster of Mount Vernon. He was jealous of his wife, Augusta, and on the night of August 23, 1903, lured her to a lonely place near Mount Vernon and, tying a shoestrapping around her neck, choked her to death. He hid her body in a sewer, where it was found by the police a few days later.

### Extradition Is a Fact.

Columbus, April 10.—Attorney Shay, for J. Morgan Smith and wife, notified Governor Herrick this morning he would not appear today to argue against the extradition warrant. No other date is asked for, and the governor announced the matter a closed incident and that the warrant would stand.

William Beatty's right arm was nearly pulled from his body by being caught in the belt of a sawmill at South Bend, Wash.

## CHICAGO HAVING RIOTOUS FIGHTS

Trouble Follows Attempts to Move Freight With Strike Breakers.

### MISSILES HURLED FROM WINDOWS AT THE POLICE.

Every Load of Freight Is Accompanied by a Big Escort of Police and Clubs Are Used to Clear Passages Through the Crowds of Strikers and Their Sympathizers—Express Drivers May Go Out on Sympathetic Strike—Supreme Court Mandate Will Help in Beef Trust Investigations.

Chicago, April 10.—Rioting marked the renewal this morning of attempts to move freight from Montgomery Ward & Co.'s to the railway houses. The union teamsters defied the big escorts of police and blocked the path of wagons at every corner. Clubs were used to clear passages, and defiant teamsters were thrown into patrol wagons. Missiles were hurled from windows at the police and non-union drivers, in some cases inflicting severe injuries.

Thousands of express drivers may join the strikers at any moment. The Employers' association threatens to petition for an injunction in case the express drivers strike, on the grounds of interference with interstate traffic.

### Freight Handlers in Sympathy.

Five hundred Illinois Central freight handlers went out this afternoon in sympathy with the teamsters. Rioting continued in down town streets, with many arrests.

### May Be Cited for Contempt.

Chicago, April 10.—The mandate of the supreme court of the United States affirming the injunction of Judge Grosscup against the packers was placed on file here today for the first time.

This action of Assistant Attorney General Pugin is taken as an indication of the intention of the government to augment any action of the grand jury against the packers, by citing the offenders for contempt of court.

### STANDARD OIL IS TREMBLING.

Garfield Is Out on Investigation Tour in Middle West.

Topeka, April 10.—Commissioner of Corporations Garfield, who arrived at midnight with three assistants, will commence an investigation of the Standard Oil in Kansas. He says he will make Topeka his headquarters for three days, then go to the Texas, Oklahoma, Colorado and California oil fields. He adds the hearings will not be public, but that he seeks to secure every available fact regarding the oil industry, not only in Kansas, but the country over. Garfield spent the morning in conference with Governor Hoch.

### E. B. GROVER & CO. ASSIGN.

After-effect of the Oil Explosion of March 20.

Brockton, April 10.—The shoe firm of E. B. Grover & Co., in whose factory the disastrous oil explosion of March 20 occurred, resulting in a loss of 58 lives, and loss of \$250,000 property, voluntarily assigned today for the benefit of creditors.

### Labor Riots in Madrid.

Madrid, April 10.—In a clash between workmen and police today many workmen were injured. The police charged the workmen several times.

### Ten Thousand Were Killed.

Lahore, April 10.—The estimated death list as a result of the recent earthquake will reach 10,000. A dispatch from Simla says a volcano is in eruption in the hills of the Bashar state.

Colorado ought to increase the term of its governor to six years. The present allowance is too short to tell who is elected.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

### Spring Clean-up in Alaska.

Fairbanks, Alaska, April 10.—Spring term of the district court opened today to consider a small number of civil and criminal cases. It is decided not to call a grand jury to investigate misconduct of officials till the opening of navigation. The spring clean-up amounts to \$5,000,000, and may reach \$15,000,000.